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STORY SO FAR...

Hello, I'm Tohru Honda and I have come to know a terrible secret. After the death of my mother, I was living by myself in a tent, when the Sohma family took me in. I soon learned that the Sohma family lives with a curse! Each family member is possessed by the vengeful spirit of an animal from the Chinese Zodiac. Whenever one of them becomes weak or is hugged by a member of the opposite sex, they change into their Zodiac animal!





Tohru Honda

The ever-optimistic hero of our story. An orphan, she now lives in Shigure's house, along with Yuki and Kyo, and is the only person outside of the family who knows the Sohma family's curse.

Yuki Sohma, the Rat

Soft-spoken. Self-esteem issues. At school he's called "Prince Yuki."

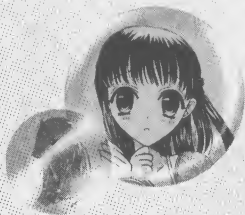


Kyo Sohma, the Cat

The Cat who was left out of the Zodiac. Hates Yuki, leeks and miso. But mostly Yuki.

Kagura Sohma, the Boar

Bashful, yet headstrong. Determined to marry Kyo, even if it kills him.



Fruits Basket Characters

Mabudachi Trio

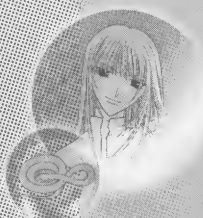
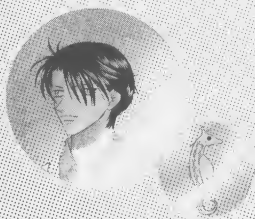


Shigure Sohma, the Dog

Enigmatic, mischievous and a little perverted. A popular novelist.

Hatori Sohma, the Dragon

Family doctor to the Sohmas. Only thing he can't cure is his broken heart.



Ayame Sohma, the Snake

Yuki's older brother. A proud and playful drama queen...er, king. Runs a costume shop.

Saki Hanajima

"Hana-chan." Can sense people's "waves." Goth demeanor scares her classmates.

Arisa Uotani

"Uo-chan." A tough-talking "Yankee" who looks out for her friends.



Tohru's Best Friends



Hiro Sohma, the Ram (or sheep)

This caustic tyke is skilled at throwing verbal barbs, but he has a soft spot for Kisa.

Momiji Sohma, the Rabbit

Half-German. He's older than he looks. Mother rejected him because of the Sohma curse.



Hatsuharu Sohma, the Ox

The nicest of guys, except when he goes "Black." Then you'd better watch out.

Kisa Sohma, the Tiger

Kisa became shy and self-conscious due to constant teasing by her classmates. Yuki, who has similar insecurities, feels particularly close to Kisa.



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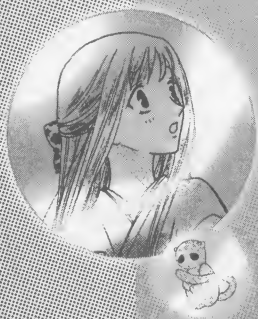
Isuzu "Rin" Sohma, the Horse

She has the hots for Shigure...and Tohru leaves her rather cold. Rin is full of pride, and she can't stand the amount of deference the other Sohma family members give Akito.



Ritsu Sohma, the Monkey

This shy kimono-wearing member of the Sohma family is gorgeous. But this "she" is really a he!! Crossdressing calms his nerves.



Akito Sohma

The head of the Sohma clan. A dark figure of many secrets. Treated with fear and reverence.







Chapter 72

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Filler
sketch



AND
ALL THE
FEELINGS
FROM
BACK
THEN...

IS THAT
ALL YOU
WANTED
TO TALK
ABOUT?

VERY
WELL.
I'LL SEE
YOU
THEN.

...CAME
FLOODING
BACK TO
ME.

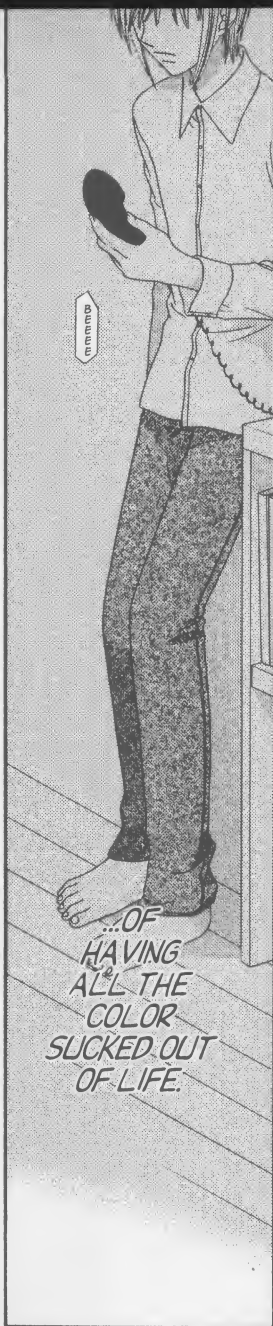
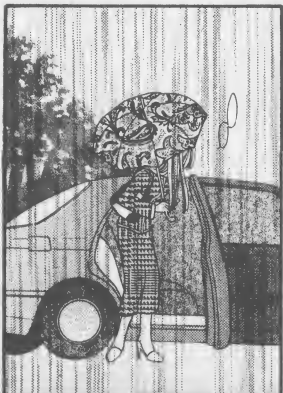
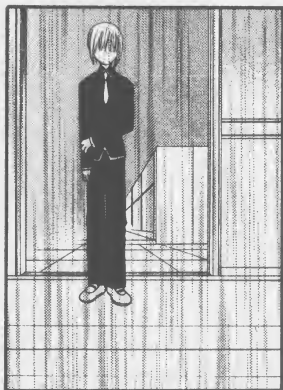
...HAD THE
SAME
CHILL IT
ALWAYS
HAD.

I'M
VERY
BUSY
MYSELF.

IT'S NOT
LIKE YOU
HAVE ANY
CONFLICT ON
THAT DAY,
RIGHT?

EVEN
THROUGH
THE
RECEIVER,
MY
MOTHER'S
VOICE...





THE
FEELINGS
OF SINKING...

...OF
FALLING...

...OF
HAVING
ALL THE
COLOR
SUCKED OUT
OF LIFE.





"AKITO
ONLY SAYS
SCARY
THINGS!"

"I WANT
TO GO
HOME,
TOO!"

"I HATE IT
THERE!"



"MOTHER..."

"I HATE IT.
I WANT TO
GO HOME."

"TAKE
ME WITH
YOU."



"MOTHER,
PLEASE..."

"MOTHER..."



"HELP
ME!"



"MOTHER..."

"KEEP HAVING
HIM BE YOUR
FRIEND."

"AREN'T
YOU LUCKY,
YUKI?"

"THE HEAD OF
THE FAMILY
LIKES YOU."

"SEE
YOU
LATER."

Close

SHAAA

**Fruits Basket 13
Part 1**

Hajimemashite
and konnichiwa!
Takaya here.
Rin gets the
cover this time.
Actually, I get
the strong feel-
ing that it would
have been better
for her to be on
#14... Volume 14
focuses on her
more, and she's
not even in this
one! (laugh)
But...well...it can't
be helped. At
first, I thought of
giving Rin short
hair, but then I
said to myself,
"When I think of
a horse, I think
of the mane
blowing in the
wind." And so
she got her long
hair. I regret
it a little. The
ink! The ink!
Anyway, this is
the celebrated
13th volume.
Please enjoy it!





SHAAA





...HAVE
ALREADY BEEN
DECIDED.

HE WILL
GO ON TO
COLLEGE.

OF COURSE,
THE PLACES HE
WILL APPLY...



YOU
CAN'T JUST
ASSUME
WITHOUT
ASKING ME!

MOTHER!

WAIT.
WHAT ARE
YOU...?

HOW COULD
YOU JUST
DECIDE THIS
ON YOUR
OWN?




HUH
...?

IT'S ALREADY
BEEN DECIDED
THAT YUKI WILL
STAND AT THE
TOP OF THE
SOHMA FAMILY
ONE DAY.

IT WOULD
BE DISGRACE-
FUL IF HE
DIDN'T HAVE
A SUITABLE
ACADEMIC
BACKGROUND.

WAIT
...!



YOU
THOUGHT
YOU COULD
CHOOSE YOUR
OWN HIGH
SCHOOL AND
YOU PICKED
THIS UNDISTIN-
GUISHED
PLACE.

IF ALL YOU
WANT TO DO
IS DISOBEY
ME, THEN BE
QUIET.

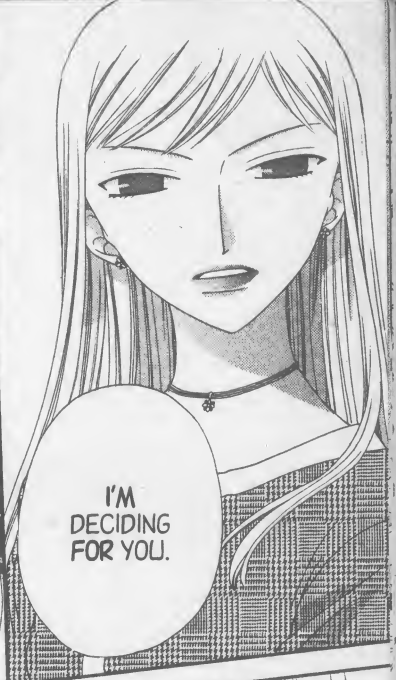
IF YOU DON'T
GET YOUR ACT
TOGETHER SOON,
IT WILL CAUSE
PROBLEMS FOR
ME, TOO.

MS.
SOHMA...

MY GOD,
YUKI.

YOU
REALLY
NEVER
HAVE HAD...

...A WORTH-
WHILE THOUGHT
OF YOUR OWN,
HAVE YOU?



I'M
DECIDING
FOR YOU.



MS.
SOHMA
...



BUT
IT'S TRUE,
ISN'T IT?

YOU CAN'T
DECIDE
ANYTHING ON
YOUR OWN,
CAN YOU?

I HAVE
TO PUT
THEM INTO
WORDS.

MY
OWN...

...
THOUGHTS.

WHAT ARE
YOU SAYING?

pff

I HAVE
TO SAY
IT.

...YOU ARE
STRIKING YOUR
CHILD WITH
HURTFUL
WORDS.

MS.
SOHMA,
PLEASE
STOP.

RIGHT
NOW...

HURRY.

GIVE
THEM
FORM.

I DON'T CARE
ABOUT THAT
AT ALL.

NO.

OH...PERHAPS
I UPSET YOU
WHEN I SAID
"UNDISTINGUISHED."

THEY
CAN BE SO
SELFISH...

HURRY.

YOU'RE
STILL SINGLE,
CORRECT? IT
MUST BE NICE
TO BE SO
CAREFREE.

LIKE
THIS
BOY.

HURRY.

IT'S NOT
EASY HAVING
CHILDREN.

HURRY.



WHEN WE
FOUGHT OVER
WHETHER OR
NOT HE WOULD
APPLY TO THIS
SCHOOL...

...HE WOULD
SULK AND GIVE
ME THE SILENT
TREATMENT.

NO, I DIDN'T...



BUT IT'S
WEIRD...

IT'S NOT
SUDDEN.

YOU
SUDDENLY
SAYING SUCH
THINGS.

THAT'S
NOT IT,
MOTHER.

I JUST
WANT TO GO
TO AN OUTSIDE
SCHOOL.

I ALWAYS
HAVE...AND
I ALWAYS
WILL.

I HATE
IT HERE
WITH THE
SOHMAS.

NOBODY
PUT ME UP
TO THIS.



...A
TOOL
?



YOUR
TOOL?




I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT, YUKI.

EVER SINCE
YOU WERE
LITTLE, I HAVE
NEVER ONCE
HEARD YOU SAY
YOU HATE IT.



AM I...



SO WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?

...WORDS ARE
MEANINGLESS.

THEY'RE
POWERLESS.

SHE WON'T
LET THEM
REACH HER,
AND THEN...

...THEY
DIE.

AGAINST
HER...

WHAT IF
YOU ARE A
TOOL?

WHAT
ON EARTH
IS YOUR
PROBLEM?!

GIVE ME
A BREAK!
I DON'T NEED
ANY MORE
IDIOTS. AYAME
IS ENOUGH!

THE HEAD OF
THE FAMILY
LIKES YOU--
WHAT MORE
DO YOU NEED?!

Sigh...

slap

*SHE'S THE ONE WHO
MADE ME THINK...*

*...I SHOULD
NEVER PUT
MY FEELINGS
INTO WORDS
AGAIN!*

open



?!!

THIS BUSINESS
WE CALL RAIN
IS TRULY A
PROFOUNDLY
MYSTERIOUS
THING!

NOW,
NOW,
EVERY-
ONE...

AFTER HINDERING MY
AWAKENING, IT DID
NOT EVEN GRANT
ME THE FAVOR OF
ALLOWING ME
TO FIX MY HAIR!

BUT THERE
IS NO LONGER
NEED FOR
WORRY, YUKI!

I, WHO AM
NUMBER ONE IN
AFFECTION FOR
MY YOUNGER
BROTHER, HAVE
NOW HUMBLY
ARRIVED!!

pat

I APOLOGIZE
FOR MAKING
YOU WAIT!



Ee...

EYA
H
H
H!!!

WHA?!



Now
then!

LET US BEGIN
THE CONFERENCE
FORTHWITH!

ANSWER MY
QUESTION,
AYAME!!



WH-WH-
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?!

Yes...
thank
you...

THEY ARE FILLED
WITH RESPECT FOR THE
WONDERFUL BEING THAT IS
THE FEMALE TEACHER WHO
GUIDES MY DEAR YOUNGER
BROTHER AND WHOSE
FAIR VISAGE INSPIRES
ROMANTIC FANTASY...

THESE
ROSES ARE
FOR YOU,
MADAME.

**Y-Y-
YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO'S
INTER-
RUPTING!!**

*Dear, dear.
Sigh...*

I WONDER IF
YOU WOULD
BE QUIET,
MOTHER.

IT WOULD BE
THE HEIGHT OF
FOOLISHNESS TO
INTERRUPT.

WE MUST
DISCUSS YUKI'S
PRECIOUS
FUTURE.

AYAME-KUN
REALLY
HAS QUITE A
PRESENCE...

DID MOTHER
ALWAYS
DISLIKE NII-SAN
THIS MUCH?

*Who
do you
think is
making
me shout?!*

DO NOT
SHOUT. YUKI
AND I ARE BOTH
DELICATE.

DO YOU WANT
HIM TO TURN
INTO A GOOD-FOR-
NOTHING INGRATE
LIKE YOU?!

YOU NEVER
CARED
ABOUT HIM
BEFORE!

WILL YOU
PLEASE
JUST STAY
OUT OF
YUKI'S CON-
FERENCE?!

WHAT IS IT
WITH YOU,
ALL OF A
SUDDEN?!



... "GOOD-FOR-
NOTHING."

...HE'S
NOT...



THAT'S
NOT TRUE.
NII-SAN...

...IS
RELIABLE.



I MEAN...HE'S
OUTLANDISH
IN LOTS OF
WAYS, BUT...

HOLD IT!
YOU ARE NOT
REPORTING THIS
TO HATORI!

*And what's with
that smile...?*

DO NOT
FRET, FOR
I AM SENDING
HIM BUT A TEXT
MESSAGE!

THAT'S
THE SAME
THING!



.....
!

.....



YUKI,
YOU SEE...

...HAS
GIVEN US A
CHANCE...

...TO DO
THINGS
RIGHT.



WHEN
DID YOU
TWO...

...GET
SO...

My,
my!

DOES IT SHOW
THAT WE ARE
BROTHERS
BURNING WITH
LOVE?!

S
N
A
P

DO YOU NOT
REALIZE?



...ON WHAT'S
IMPORTANT.

NOT REALIZING
HOW MUCH
YOU HAVE
TRAMPLED...



IN RESPECT
TO YOU AS
WELL...

...WHAT
WAS ONCE
NOTHING IS
BEGINNING TO
CHANGE INTO
SOMETHING.

DO YOU
NOT SEE
IT? RIGHT
NOW...

...YOU ARE
JUST AS
I WAS
THEN.



I HAVE
NEVER BEEN
SO INSULTED!

clench

WH--!

YOU DON'T
KNOW
WHAT I GO
THROUGH!

WHO DO YOU
THINK YOU ARE,
LECTURING
ME?! YOU'RE
TALKING TO
YOUR MOTHER!!

IF THIS IS HOW
YOU'RE GOING
TO TREAT ME, I
WISH I HADN'T
GIVEN BIRTH
TO EITHER
OF YOU!!

We're the
ones who
made her
angry...

LEAVE
HER BE.

SLAM

"PLEASE
DO YOUR
BEST."

I DON'T IMAGINE
THAT WORDS
WOULD HAVE
ANY EFFECT ON
HER WHEN SHE'S
SO ANGRY.



MY, MY...
ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT?

...BE
BACK.

I'LL...

NII-SAN...

THANKS...

...FOR
COMING...

...TODAY.

"PLEASE
DO YOUR
BEST."

NOT TO WORRY!
BUT THANK YOU
FOR YOUR EFFORT.
MY MOTHER IS
AN INTERESTING
PERSON, IS
SHE NOT?

SHE POSSESSES
THE PECULIAR
SENSIBILITY OF
LIKING MONEY AND
SOCIAL STATUS.

BUT IT PAINS ME
TO SAY THAT SHE
IS COMPLETELY
UNABLE TO ADAPT
TO MY INNATE ROYAL
CHARACTER.

YEAH...

Even though
she's my
mother.

HE'S GONNA
GET MAD AT
YOU AGAIN,
YOU KNOW?

JUST WAIT 'TIL
YOU HEAR THIS,
TORI-SAN!

TMP
TMP
TMP

ANYWAY,
I DIDN'T
THINK YOU'D
MAKE IT.

We changed
the date.

tap tap
tap tap
tap tap
Sending
a text
message →

NOT HIM
AGAIN...

OH, MAN...

I HEARD
FROM
GURE-SAN.

...HE SAID
YOU'RE
RELIABLE.

BUT...

THAT IS WHY
ALL OF MOTHER'S
HOPES AND
DREAMS BECAME
FOCUSED
EXCLUSIVELY
ON YUKI.

WHILE
THE ONLY
FEELING SHE
HAD FOR HER
HOPELESS AND
DREAMING SON
WAS REGRET.



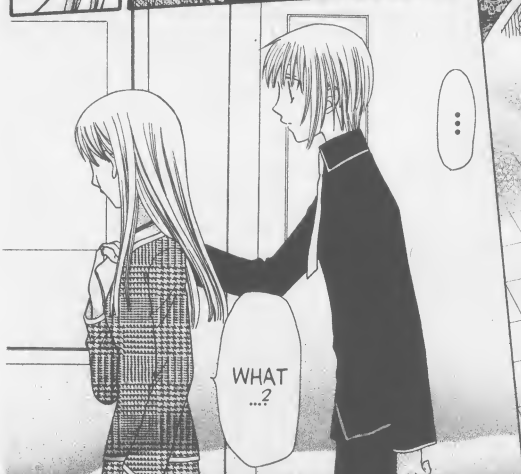
Gasp!



WAIT UP!



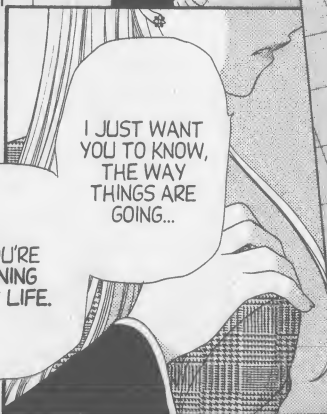
MOTHER ...



WHAT ...?



THIS PERSON...



I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW, THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING...

...YOU'RE RUINING YOUR LIFE.



WAIT!



**I THOUGHT
THAT EVERY-
THING WAS
OVER.**



OTHERS
MIGHT
LAUGH...

BACK
THEN...

...IF THEY
HEARD ME
SAY THIS...

...WHEN SHE
ABANDONED
ME...

...BUT I
REALLY
THOUGHT...

...WHEN SHE
THREW ME
AWAY...

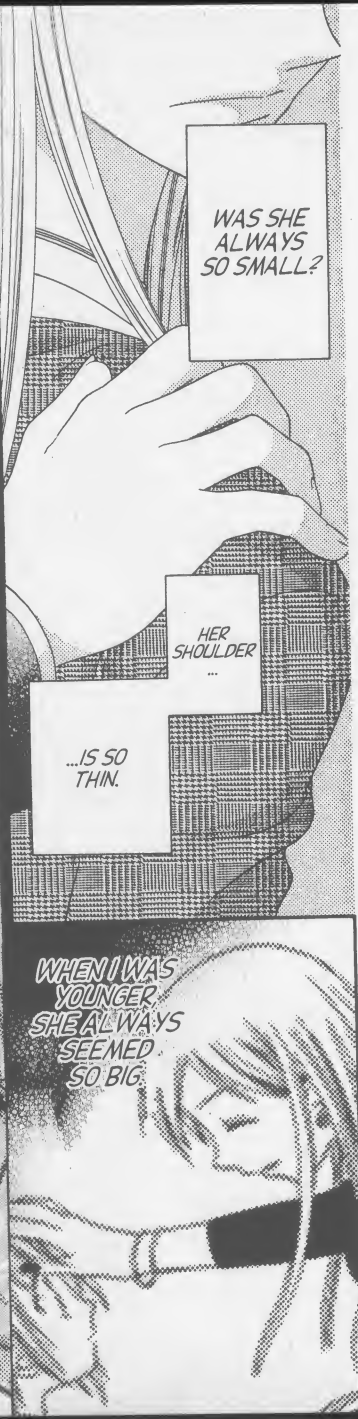
...EVERY-
THING
LOST ITS
COLOR.

WAS SHE
ALWAYS
SO SMALL?

HER
SHOULDER
...

...IS SO
THIN.

WHEN I WAS
YOUNGER
SHE ALWAYS
SEEMED
SO BIG.





...BUT I THINK
I'M READY TO
MAKE THAT
EFFORT.

TO DO THAT,
I KNOW I'M
GOING TO HAVE
TO PUT FORTH
AN EFFORT...

...AND
BE PART
OF IT.

I WANT
TO LIVE...

THE
RESULT...


...TO LIVE...
IN THIS
WORLD...



...SOMETHING
THAT I CAN BE
PROUD OF.

...MIGHT BE
SOMETHING
THAT YOU
DON'T LIKE...

...BUT
I WANT IT
TO BE...




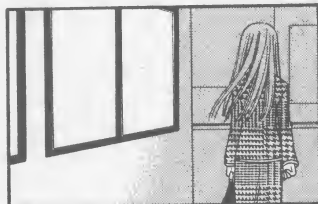
I DON'T WANT
YOU DECIDING MY
FATE FOR ME.



SO,
I DON'T
WANT
YOU...

...WITHOUT
ASKING ME.

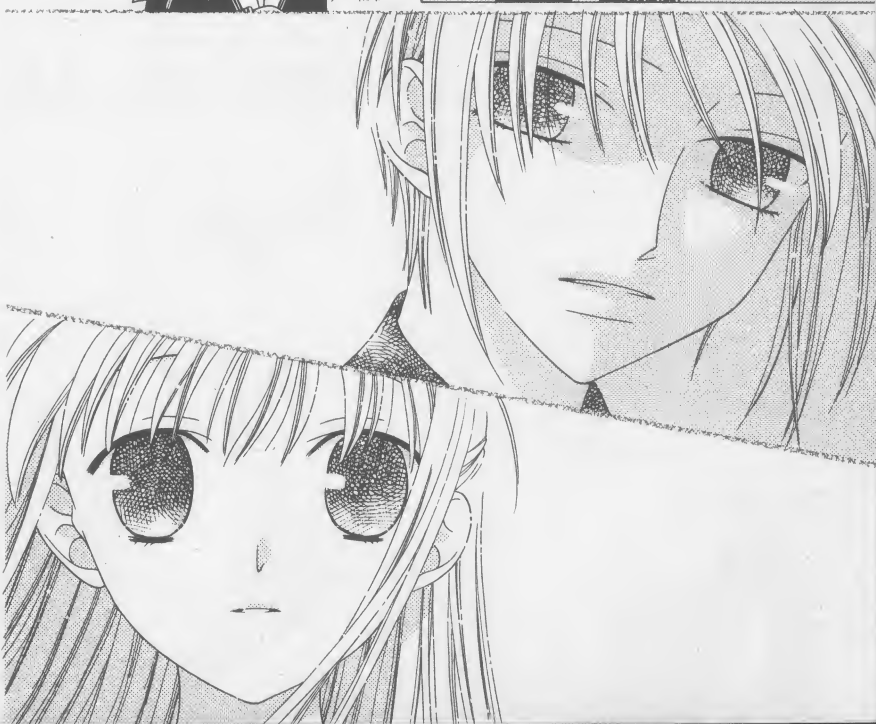
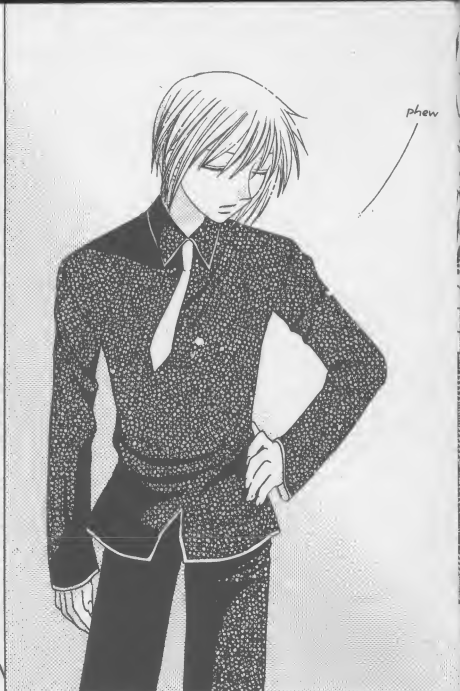
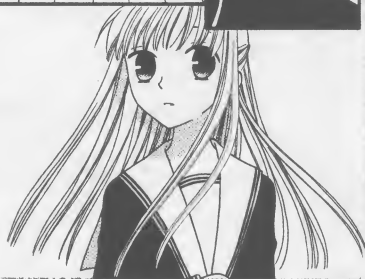
...TO DECIDE
ANYTHING...



I WILL
GO ON TO
COLLEGE...

...AND AS FOR
WHERE I'LL
APPLY...

...I'LL THINK
ABOUT THAT
ON MY OWN.



It's
terrible!

PRESIDENT
?!

HERE YOU
ARE! I'VE
BEEN LOOKING
ALL OVER
FOR YOU!

COME
WITH ME!!

huh?

WH-WHAT?
NOW?!

JUST
HURRY!!

SORRY,
HONDA-
SAN.
I HAVE
TO GO.



COME BACK SAFELY...

EVEN
IF THE
RAIN
STOPS...



BUT...



...AND TELLS
ME THAT
WINTER IS
COMING.



...THE WIND IS
UNPLEASANTLY
COLD...

...IT WILL GO
OUT WITH THE
SLIGHTEST
WIND...

PROOF
THAT, EVEN
THOUGH
IT'S SO
SMALL
IT SEEMS
LIKE...

...THE
WARMTH
IN MY
HEART...

...IS PROOF
THAT THERE
REALLY IS
A LIGHT IN
THERE.

...IT DEFINITELY
IS BURNING.

COMMAZEDER!!!



THEY'VE BEEN
LIKE THAT FOR
A WHILE...

WELL, I CAN
THINK OF NO
REASON WHY
I SHOULDN'T
BECOME YOUR
COMMANDER!!

YOU GOTTA
BE OUR
COMMANDER!!

YOU WERE
BORN TO BE THE
COMMANDER
OF THE SCHOOL
DEFENSE
FORCE!!

Whooaa!
You're so
cool!



...DO
WHAT
?!

Yun-Yun!
YOUR BROTHER
IS WONDERFUL!
DOES HE HAVE A
GIRLFRIEND?!

HE'S YOUR
BROTHER,
ISN'T HE,
PRESIDENT?!
PLEASE DO
SOMETHING!

I can't work
like this!

OOAA!
ha ha ha!



HATORI-KUN,
I FINALLY
UNDERSTAND
WHAT YOU
MUST GO
THROUGH...

Aaya's
e-cell
phone

HE'S A
HANDFUL,
ISN'T HE?!

Whoa!
Yun-
Yun!

Ha ha
ha, oh,
Yuki!

NOW
YOU'VE
DONE IT,
STUPID
BROTHER!!



Chapter 73



Eehh?

IT'S ALL RIGHT.
KIMI IS ALWAYS
A GOOD GIRL!

OH! THAT'S
RIGHT!

HE'S A GENTLE
FLOWER, AND
YOU SHOULD
TREAT HIM
ACCORDINGLY.

...IS A
COLLECTION
OF PROBLEM
CHILDREN.

HOW DO
I SAY
THIS...?
IT SEEMS
LIKE THE
ENTIRE
STUDENT
COUNCIL...

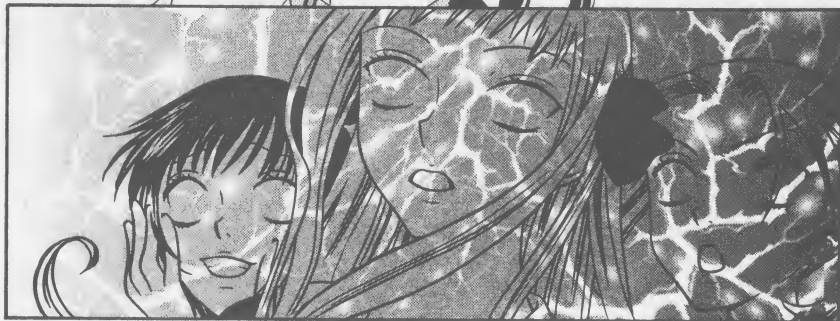


...ENJOYED
EATING IT
TOGETHER.

Yun-Yun
and I...

THANK YOU
FOR THE
CANDY THE
OTHER DAY!

TOUDOU-
SAN...SURELY
YOU ARE NOT
CAUSING ANY
PROBLEMS
FOR YUKI?



Mine-neesan



She can keep up with Aaya's tension... Well, at least she can play along with it! She's an amazing person. Since she's in sync with him, they have conversations in a language that only the two of them understand, and everyone around them gets confused. But I haven't drawn a proper episode with her and Aaya, so talking about it is kind of... When she first appeared, a friend of mine said, "Her braids look heavy." She's right--they really do look heavy! (laugh)



GET BACK
HERE RIGHT
NOW!!!

I'M
TERRIBLY
SORRY, BUT
I'M IN A
HURRY.
♡

THE SECOND
YEAR SECRETARY, KIMI
TOLIDOLI...



...SEEMS TO BE
DELIBERATELY
SPREADING
DISCORD.

SCHOOL DEFENSE FORCE



WHAT DO YOU
MEAN BY THAT
RIDICULOUS
SIGN?!!

IT'S BLATANT
STUPIDITY!!

AND HOW COULD
YOU GUYS HAVE
MESSED UP THIS
ROOM ALREADY?
I JUST CLEANED
IT UP!! MY HEAD
HURTS...



YOU'VE
HELPED THEM
TO BLOOM
BEAUTIFULLY.

TH--!
THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH!

Not as
beautiful
as you...

WE DON'T HAVE
ENOUGH CLUB
MEMBERS--
I'M SORRY WE
COULDN'T DO
BETTER.

The
real
five
Yuki-
kun...

NOT AT ALL...
I SEE YOU'RE
WORKING VERY
HARD.



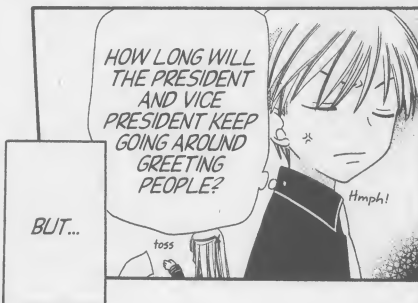
THE
FIRST YEAR
SECRETARY,
NAOHITO
SAKLIRAGI, IS
ALWAYS ON
EDGE.

YOU TOO,
KURAGI--DON'T
TOSS YOUR
THINGS ALL
OVER THE
PLACE AND
WALK OFF!!



THE
FIRST YEAR
TREASURER,
MACHI
KURAGI, IS
ALWAYS
LOOKING
DOWN...

...AND
HARDLY
SAYS A
WORD TO
ANYONE.




HOW LONG WILL
THE PRESIDENT
AND VICE
PRESIDENT KEEP
GOING AROUND
GREETING
PEOPLE?

BUT...

Hmph!

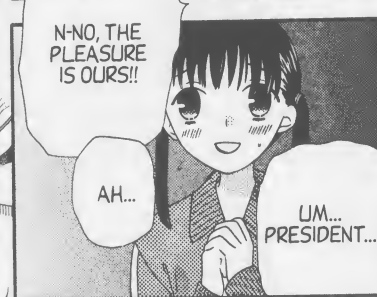


COULD
YOU...DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT HIM?



WELL...IF
YOU NEED
ANYTHING,
PLEASE DON'T
HESITATE
TO ASK THE
STUDENT
COUNCIL.

IT WILL BE
A PLEASURE
TO WORK
WITH YOU.



N-NO, THE
PLEASURE
IS OURS!!

AH...

UM...
PRESIDENT...

THE SECOND
YEAR VICE
PRESIDENT,
KAKERU
MANABE--HIS
PROBLEM...



GOING AROUND
INTRODUCING
OURSELVES TO
THE CLUBS IS
TACKY.

NOT TO
MENTION
BOORING.

...I THINK IS
OBVIOUS.

AW...BUT I'M
SLEEPY!





ARE YOU DILIGENTLY PERFORMING YOUR CLUB DUTIES?

I'M NOT PLAYING--I'M DOING MY JOB, STUPID!

Hee hee.

AAHH? I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU!



I'M STILL TAKING APPLICATIONS.

AND WHO DO YOU MEAN BY "EVIL," ANYWAY?

OH?



Wanna play soccer?

NABE-- WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING OVER THERE?

HEY, MAN!

...WORKING WITH HIM.

TO BE HONEST, IT'S EXHAUSTING

...



...HE HAS THE SAME EFFECT ON PEOPLE.

... TO SOME DEGREE ...

...BUT ALSO...

HE ACTS A LOT LIKE NII-SAN...



NO...



I CAN'T
RUN
AWAY
NOW.



I CAN'T
GIVE IN
TO THE
VOICE OF
MY OTHER
SELF...

...THAT
WHIS-
PERS IN
MY EAR.

YUKI-
KUN?



...I FEEL
LIKE I...

...I'LL BE
EXTIN-
GUISHED.



PEOPLE
NATURALLY
FLOCK TO HIM.



IT'S LIKE HE'S
GIVING OFF A
LIGHT THAT
I DON'T HAVE.



IT'S SO
BRIGHT...



WOULD
YOU...

...LIKE
SOME
PEARS?



THIS
SUCKS!!
THE SIGN
I MADE IS
GONE!!

Aaahhh!

Yes!

You
should
go see
them.

HONDA-SAN...
HAVE YOU
SEEN THE
GARDENING
CLUB'S
FLOWERS?

Really?!

I HAVEN'T
SEEN THEM!

THEY'RE
QUITE PRETTY
THIS YEAR.



Oh!

SO IT WAS
CHIBI-SUKE'S
DOING,
DAMMIT!!

**DIVINE
PUNISH-
MENT!!**

OUCH!

CHOP



**WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?!
YOU'RE
DISGRACING
THE STUDENT
COUNCIL!!**

**I DON'T
WANNA!
IT'S
HEPPU!**

*Cease
and
desist!*

*We're
back!*

*Stop
making up
words!*



HUH?

**WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?**

**DID YOU
THROW IT
AWAY, YUN-
YUN? THAT'S
GOING TO
FAR...**

*It was a
work
of
art!*

**IF YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT THAT
BLATANTLY
STUPID SIGN,
I THREW IT
OUT.**



**I JUST
COAXED
SENSEI INTO
GIVING ME
HIS.**

♥

**IT WAS
EASY!**

HUH?!

**WHAT...
HOW?!**

**WE GOT A
BRAND-NEW
WHITEBOARD!**

**Look, look,
Yun-Yun!**

♥

hack

*Ha
ha ha.
Well, all
right.*

*Please.
Sensei?
Don't be
mean!*

SCHOOL DEFENSE FORCE
MEMBER COLOR
ASSIGNMENTS

Black→

LET'S
SEE...

GOOD
GRIEF...

THIS GUY IS
EVEN MORE
HOPELESS THAN
I THOUGHT.

Sheesh...

IS IT
OKAY FOR
TEACHERS TO
DO THAT?

Nice
work!

THAT'S
OUR LITTLE
SEDUCTRESS!! IT
REALLY IS NICE
TO HAVE BRAND
NEW STUFF!

DON'T OUR
NEW BOARD
MAKE YOU
WANT TO HAVE
A MEETING?!

ACTUALLY,
THERE'S
SOMETHING
I WANTED TO
DISCUSS!!

WHAT?

Can I write on it?

DON'T
MAKE ME
PARTICIPATE
IN YOUR
POINTLESS
SHENANIGANS!

Don't
ask
!!!

Okay!

IF THERE'S
A COLOR
YOU WANT,
GO AHEAD
AND SHOUT
IT OUT!



Right!

I GET
DIBS ON
BLACK!! IT'S
COOL AND
STEALTHY-
LIKE ME!

I look
striking
against
a sun-
set or
leaves.

WHEN THE
MEMBERS ARE
IN DANGER,
I'LL MAKE MY
ENTRANCE
FROM ATOP
A TREE!!

WHO'S
"COOL"
...?

In danger?

Keh!

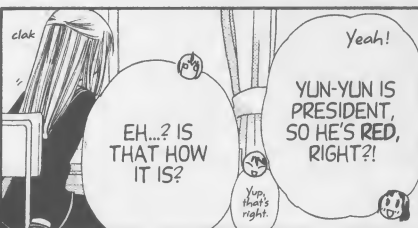


IT DOES TOO
HAVE A POINT!
THIS IS SUPER
IMPORTANT.

SERIOUSLY,
NAO, DO YOU
HAVE ZERO
REALIZATION
THAT YOU'RE ON
THE SCHOOL
DEFENSE
FORCE?

C'mon, I'm begging
you, man!

DO YOU
HAVE ANY
REALIZATION
THAT YOU'RE
THE VICE
PRESIDENT?



clak

Yeah!

EH...? IS
THAT HOW
IT IS?

YUN-YUN IS
PRESIDENT,
SO HE'S RED,
RIGHT?!

Yun, that's
right.



Oh!

WHAT'LL
WE DO
ABOUT
PINK?

IT'S THE ONLY
REALLY GIRLY
COLOR.

YOU TWO
WANNA DO
ROCK-PAPER-
SCISSORS
FOR IT?

Machi and
Kimi.

EEHH
?!



DON'T
JUST
GO AND
DECIDE!

G
Y
A
H
!!

HE
LIKES
CURRY.

NAO IS
YELLOW.

WHY
CURRY...?

Yun doesn't know about Power Rangers. By the way, there's no black.

**YUN-YUN
WONT
CALL ME
BY NAME!
HE WONT
CALL ME
KIMI!!**

Even
though
we ate
candy
together!

**H
O
W

M
E
A
N
!**

NO, NO!
PINK IS
KIMI! KIMI!!

KIMI IS BETTER
SUITED FOR
PINK, AND SHE
LIKES PINK! NO!!
IT'S DECIDED!!

0--
OKAY,
I GET IT,
I GET IT!

CALM
DOWN,
K-KIMI...!

UH...UM,
TOLDOU-
SAN, CALM
DOWN...

But
you got
worked
up
about
it once
your-
self...

IT'S ONLY A
COLOR. YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO GET SO
WORKED UP.

Right?

WHAT COLOR
DO YOU LIKE,
KURAGI-SAN?

**CUT IT OUT
ALREADY!!
ARE YOU ALL
MORONS?!**

Uh, um...

MAYBE...YOU
SHOULD SAY
SOMETHING?

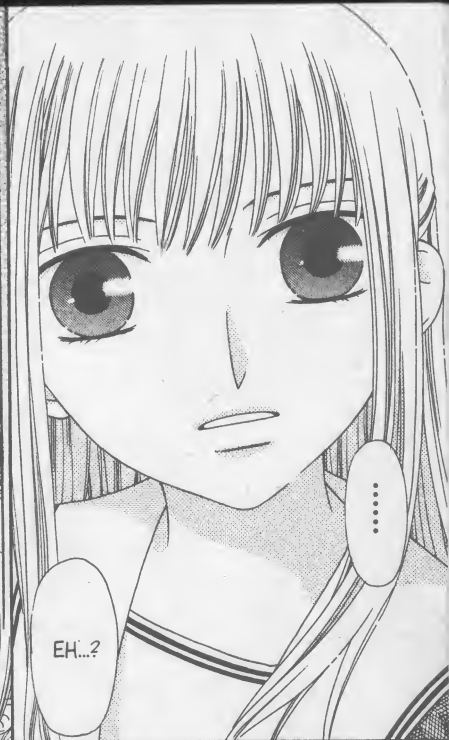
* GRR!
Yoy!
Nao-
chan's a
moron!

The one who
calls people
morons is a
moron, moron,
moron!



THAT'S
NO GOOD,
YUN-YUN!

YOU SHOULD
CALL MACHI
BY HER FIRST
NAME, TOO!



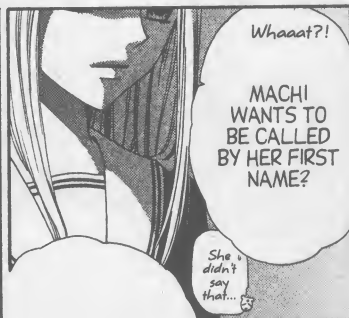
EH...?



.....

NO,
NO!

YOU
REALLY
DON'T
HAVE TO!!



Whaaat?!

MACHI
WANTS TO
BE CALLED
BY HER FIRST
NAME?

She
didn't
say
that...



THEN YOU
HAVE TO ASK,
LIKE KIMI.

Go on,
go on.

RIGHT?
SEE? SHE'S
SAYING SHE'S
COMPLETELY
FINE EVEN
WITH THREE-
FLAVORED
CURRY!

MACHI'S SAYING
SHE'D RATHER
HAVE YELLOW
ANYWAY!

Right
?!
NOD
NOD
NOD

L-LET
HER GO...!

WHAT ARE
YOU CON-
CLUDING...?!

AND DON'T
MAKE HER,
KIMI.

Whatever. ♡

ANYWAY,
PINK IS KIMI,
RIGHT?
♡

"UNFAIR"?!
HOW IS IT
UNFAIR?!

I CAN'T
ALLOW
UNFAIR
DECISIONS.

EEHH? OHH,
WHAT IS IT,
NAO-CHAN?
YOU'RE SO
ANNOYING.

I MEAN...

GETTING SO
WORKED UP
OVER JUST
DECIDING
COLORS...!

WHAT IS
WITH ALL
OF YOU?

OH DEAR...
I HAVE TO
CALM EVERY-
ONE DOWN...

BICKER
BICKER
BICKER
BICKER

WHAM

SCHOOL DEFENSE FORCE
MEMBER COLOR
ASSIGNMENT

~~Black~~ → Me

Muddy → Snow

Pink → Kim

AH!!

I'M SORRY!!
THAT'S RIGHT!!
I WAS THE ONE
WHO BROUGHT
IT UP!!

OUR
WHITE-
BOARD!

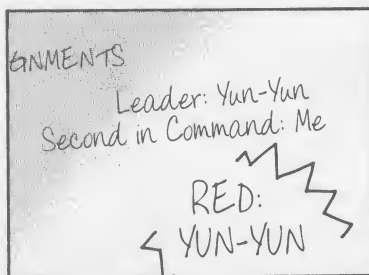
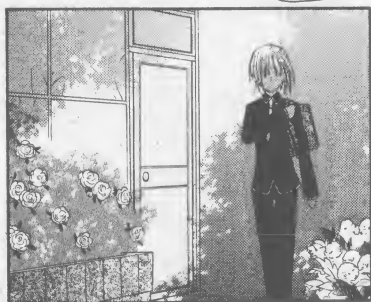
OUR BRAND NEW
WHITEBOARD IS
BEING BURIED IN
MORONIC WORDS!



DON'T YOU
THINK THAT
THE VERY FACT
THAT WE'RE
DISCUSSING
COLORS AT
ALL...

...IS
COMPLETELY
STUPID?!

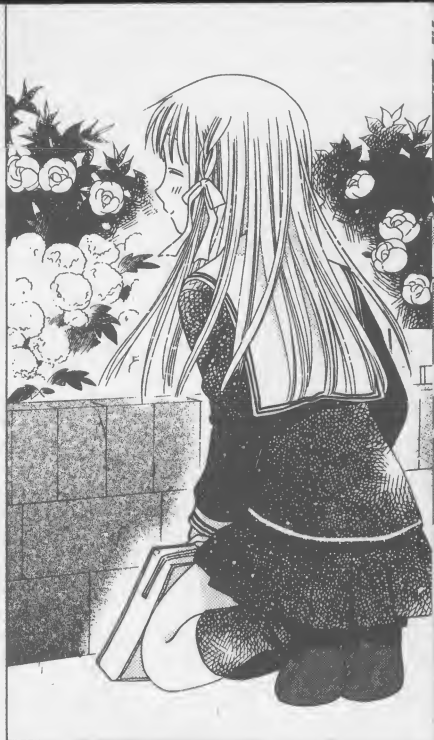






HEEEY!

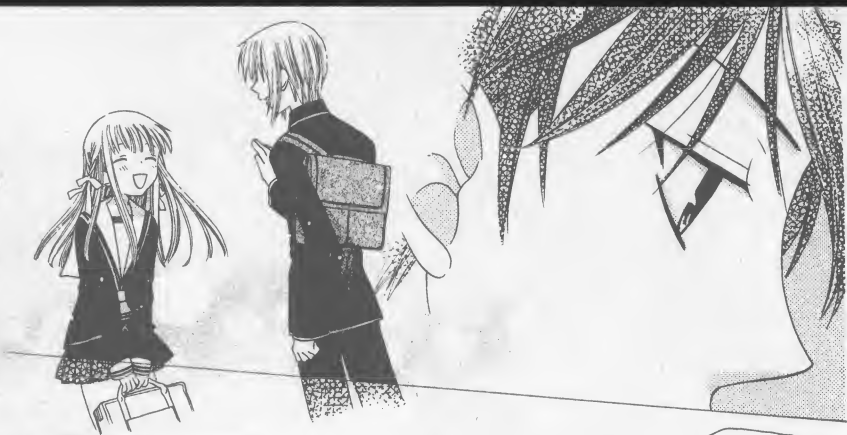
HEY,
NABE.



WANNA GO
GRAB A BITE
TO EAT?

Crap.
I don't
have any
money.

MM...



THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH...!

Mm-
hm.

UH...UM,
ARE YOU
SURE YOU'RE
OKAY...

...WITH
HELPING
OUT LIKE
THIS...?

I DON'T MIND.
YOU DON'T
HAVE ENOUGH
MEMBERS,
RIGHT?

HUH...?
YOU'RE
STILL
HERE?

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU, YUN-
YUN?

ARE YOU
VOLUN-
TEERING?

I JUST NEED
TO CARRY
THIS, RIGHT?

YUN-

YUN!

THAT
GIRL?

DO YOU
LIKE HER?

WHAT'S YOUR
RELATIONSHIP
WITH HER?

...YOU WERE
WITH THAT
TOHRU
HONDA GIRL,
RIGHT?

YEAH...
SORT OF.

HEY...
EARLIER...

...BECAUSE
SHE'S
FRIENDS
WITH YUN-
YUN.

SHE'S
SECRETLY
FAMOUS...

...I THOUGHT
IT MIGHT BE
A PAINFUL
LOVE.

NNN?
WELL,
'CUZ IF
YOU DID...

WHY?

...

HE KINDA
LOOKS LIKE HE
COULD BE HER
BOYFRIEND.

YUN-YUN'S
COUSIN.

'CUZ, YOU
KNOW, THE
ORANGE GUY...
KYO, IS IT?

BUT THAT
KYO GUY
SEEMS
KIND OF...

I AM RIGHT?!
I WAS RIGHT?!
IT'S TRUE?!

...YEAH.

...YOU
KNOW...
HAPPIER.

THAN YOU,
I MEAN.


DO YOU
ENJOY
THAT?

...YOU'RE
SAYING
I'M...

...
"UNHAPPY"?

THEN...

...



DOES THIS
MAKE YOU
HAPPY?!

SAYING
THIS
ONE IS
"HAPPY"
...

...AND THIS
ONE IS
"UNHAPPY"?

DO YOU
LIKE
PUTTING
PEOPLE
ON YOUR
SCALES
AND...

...JUDGING
MYSELF BY
OTHERS' IDEAS
OF HAPPINESS.

IT DOESN'T
MAKE ME
HAPPY...

"HAVING
WON..."

...LIKE
THAT."

...MEASURING
THEIR WORTH
BY YOUR
CONCEPT OF
HAPPINESS?

DO YOU ENJOY
BEING ABLE
TO DECIDE?

"IT DOESN'T
MAKE ME
HAPPY."

kick

WHA
...?!

SHUT
UP!!

WHAT
ARE
YOU, MY
MOTHER
?!

IS--

YOU'RE
REALLY
PISSING ME
OFF, LOSING
IT LIKE
THAT.

WHAT'S YOUR
PROBLEM,
MAN? IS
YOUR HEAD
BOILING?

WHO'S LOSING
IT?! THERE'S
NO REASON TO
TAKE IT OUT ON
GIRLS' PLANTS!

ISN'T
THAT WHAT
LOSING
IT IS?!

I HAVEN'T
LOST IT. I'M
PISSED ABOUT
HAVING TO TAKE
YOUR HIGH-
AND-MIGHTY
LECTURE.

YEAH, WELL,
BETTER THAT
THAN A PRICK
WHO ACTS
LIKE HE KNOWS
EVERYTHING!!

I BET YOU
DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHAT
THAT MEANS,
IGNORAMUS!!

YOUR
MOTHER?!
DON'T SAY
DISGUSTING
THINGS LIKE
THAT?!

YOU'RE
RIGHT!!

I'M THE
ONE WHO'S
DISGUSTED-BY
WHAT A PRUDE
YOU ARE!!



AS
SOON
AS...

...I
COMPARE
MYSELF
TO
OTHERS

...I START
GIVING IN
TO MY
FEELINGS OF
INFERIORITY.

I FEEL
AS IF I'M
GOING TO BE
EXTINGUISHED.

SO,
SORRY!!



I AM
THAT
KIND OF
PERSON!

BUT JUST
NOW, I WAS
LECTURING
AT MYSELF!





YOU'RE
...



...RIGHT.



I'M THE
ONE WHO
LOST IT.

...I'M
SORRY.



...IS
ME.

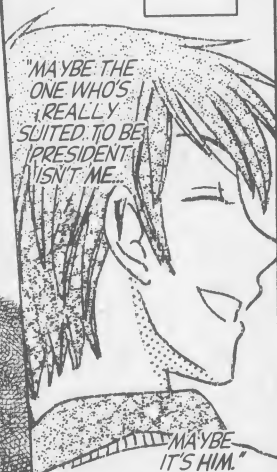
THE
BIGGEST
PROBLEM
CHILD...

...I WANT TO
GIVE IN TO
THAT VOICE.



THAT'S
RIGHT.

"MAYBE THE
ONE WHO'S
REALLY
SUITED TO BE
PRESIDENT
ISN'T ME."



"MAYBE
IT'S HIM."

THAT'S
WHAT
THE VOICE
WHISPERS
IN MY EAR.

AS
SOON AS
THINGS
GET
TOUGH...





THE ENEMY
THAT I
SHOULD BE
FIGHTING IS
ALWAYS...

...INSIDE
MYSELF.



FOR ME,
THE
"EVIL"...



...IS THAT
PART OF
MYSELF.



...HEY.



...BEFORE
I HURT
THEM?

...MAYBE
I COULD
UNDERSTAND
OTHER
PEOPLE'S
FEELINGS...



IF I
COULD MAKE
MYSELF SEE
FROM THEIR
VIEWPOINT
...

WHERE
SHOULD
I STAND...

...SO I CAN
SEE THE
SAME
THING?

YOU'RE
LUCKY...

...YUKI.

YOU
UNDER-
STAND.

YOU'RE
LUCKY.

...

YOU
SURPRISED
ME...

...BECAUSE
YOU SAID THE
SAME THINGS...
THAT PERSON
DOES.

I WAS
TAKEN OFF
GUARD...
SO I GOT
PISSED.

BUT...



HOW?

OH,
NO!

THE
SEEDLINGS!
THE SEEDLINGS!
WHAT DID
YOU DO?!

Oops!
Sorry
about that.
I'm the
culprit!

I know
that!
There's no
way the
president
would do
that!

Hey!
That's
harsh.

I JUST... NO
MATTER HOW
YOU LOOK AT IT,
I NEVER LEARN.

I SAID
TOO MUCH,
TOO.

I'M
SORRY.

HOW AM
I LUCKY?

It's fine,
it's fine.
I'll replant
them all!

I DON'T
GET IT.

Really?
But...

AND WHO
IS "THAT
PERSON"...

ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT,
LEADER?!

...WHO SAID
THE SAME
THINGS
AS ME?

THE STUDENT
COUNCIL EXISTS
TO HELP THE
STUDENTS!

...SORT OF
MADE ME
WANT TO
CRY.

PICK
THEM UP
YOURSELF.

What?

Don't say
things
that'll
make me
not want
to do it
anymore.

IT TOOK
EVERY-
THING
I HAD TO
HOLD
BACK THE
TEARS.

THE
WAY HE
MUMBLED
IT...

"YOU'RE
LUCKY."

...WITH-
OUT ANY
PRETENSE...



...OR AT LEAST, I'M STARTING TO THINK THAT.





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I'M
SORRY.

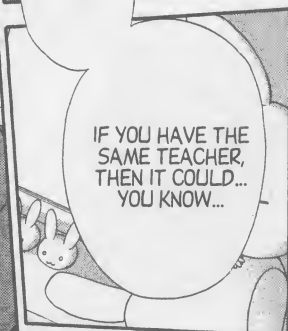
.....

...IS ALREADY
CURIOUS
ABOUT YOU.



I'M NOT
TELLING YOU
TO STOP.

JUST...



IF YOU HAVE THE
SAME TEACHER,
THEN IT COULD...
YOU KNOW...



MOMO...



I'M SO
SORRY...

...MOMIJI.

WHY?

I WONDER
WHY?

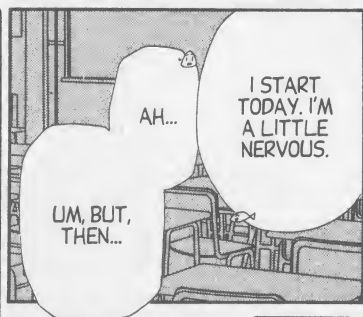
草摩

...I CAME TO
THE SOHMA
ESTATE.

IN THE
END...

*nameplate:
Sohma







FEELING LIKE
THAT... IT'S
NOT ME.

EVERY TIME
A CUSTOMER
WOULD COME
THROUGH THE
DOOR...

...I WOULD
HALF-EXPECT
IT TO BE HIM
AND I'D GET
ALL EXCITED.

I GUESS I'M
JUST TIRED...

BUT THEN, WHEN
IT TURNED OUT
IT WASN'T HIM,
PART OF ME GOT
DEPRESSED.

...OF ABUSING
MYSELF.



HIS NAME'S
KURENO-
SAN.

EH?
HUH?
SORRY,
DIDN'T
I TELL
YOU?

IF YOU AT
LEAST KNEW
HIS NAME...

Satsuki Maman



Hiro's always-smiling mother. There have been various mothers in this series, but she seems to be the happiest, so... I wanted to draw her (laugh). Maybe it's because Hiro saw his mother being like that that he thought, "I have to be strong!" But he overdid it and became the sharp-tongued lad we know and love. The baby is due to be born around spring-time. (In the series, we're currently in autumn.)





THAT'S A
DIFFERENT GUY.
KURENO-SAN
WAS TOTALLY
SPACEY.

HE WOULDN'T
EVEN NOTICE IF
HE STEPPED IN
DOG CRAP.

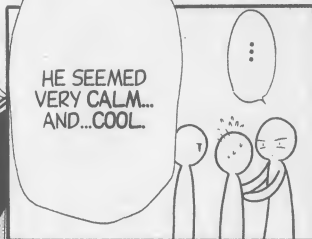
ARISA...
I WONDER
IF THAT
ANALOGY
MIGHT NOT
BE TOO
MUCH...

sigh



I--
I SAW HIM
BRIEFLY WHEN
I WAS AT
THE SOHMA
SUMMER HOUSE
OVER THE
VACATION.

HE HAD
PRETTY
BROWN EYES
AND HAIR.



HE SEEMED
VERY CALM...
AND...COOL.



I...I MIGHT
HAVE
JUDGED HIM
POORLY...

FORGET
IT.

ISN'T IT
WORTH
MAKING
SURE?!

IT COULD
STILL BE HIM,
COULDN'T IT?!

B--
BUT...!



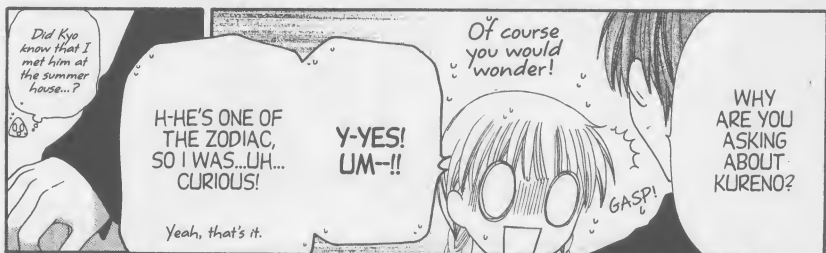


I...SEE...

...

OF COURSE,
HE'S NEVER
EVEN SPOKEN
TO ME.

APPARENTLY HE
DOESN'T GO OUT
IN PUBLIC MUCH,
AND HE HARDLY
EVEN ASSOCIATES
WITH THE OTHER
MEMBERS OF
THE ZODIAC.



Did Kyo
know that I
met him at
the summer
house...?

H-HE'S ONE OF
THE ZODIAC,
SO I WAS...UH...
CURIOUS!

Y-YES!
UM--!!

Yeah, that's it.

Of course
you would
wonder!

GASP!

WHY
ARE YOU
ASKING
ABOUT
KURENO?



BUT...

...KYO-
KUN...

...GO NOSING
AROUND TOO
MUCH INTO
THINGS YOU
DON'T NEED TO
KNOW ABOUT.

YOU
SHOULDN'T
...

...

...WHY I AM
HERE.

I DIDN'T...
THINK THIS
THROUGH...

And I
walk and
walk, but
the wall
doesn't
end...

EVER SINCE
UO-CHAN
MENTIONED
HIS NAME,
I'VE BEEN
RESTLESS.

AND
THAT'S...

WHEN
SOMEONE
IMPORTANT
TO ME IS
WORRIED...
...I CAN'T
THINK
THAT.

I CAN'T
NOT TRY
TO HELP!

THIS IS TOHRU
HONDA. I WOULD
LIKE TO SEE
KURENO-SAN...

I'M
BEING...

I COULDN'T
POSSIBLY
INTRUDE ON
THEM LIKE
THAT...

AAHH!
BUT,
BUT--!

AND IF
KURENO-SAN
WERE TO BE
SCOLDED
BY AKITO-
SAN ON MY
BEHALF

MAYBE IT
REALLY IS
A DIFFERENT
PERSON.

BUT THEN
I MIGHT HAVE
HAD TO EXPLAIN
ABOUT UO-CHAN.

MAYBE
I REALLY
SHOULD HAVE
CONSULTED
SOMEONE
ABOUT THIS,
FIRST...?

...RECK-
LESS.



...THAT
THE
PERSON
SHE
WANTS
TO SEE...

...IS IN
THERE...



...COMING
FROM
"INSIDE."

THAT
SOUND...

I CAN
HEAR
MUSIC...

THIS
IS...



IF
THERE'S
EVEN...

...THE
SLIGHTEST
POSSI-
BILITY...

I WONDER
WHO'S
PLAYING...?

...A
VIOLIN.

IT
SOUNDS
...

...A
LITTLE
SAD.

EH
?!!

I-I'M SO
SORRY!!

I WASN'T
WATCHING
WHERE I
WAS GOING...
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?!

I'M
REALLY
VERY S-

BUMP





MOMIJI-KUN'S--!

Gasp!

OH
NO!!

YOU...

YOU'RE
...



ONEE-CHAN...
YOU KNOW
HIM?

YOU KNOW
MOMIJI?

MOMO-SAN
DOESN'T KNOW
THAT SHE'S
MOMIJI-KUN'S
SISTER!!



If they catch me, it would mean a lot of trouble for everyone. If security...

... For me to go in this way... would be... trespassing!

HURRY!

squeeze

...!

HERE!

YOU CAN GO IN FROM HERE!

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

THEN WE CAN PLAY!

...SO I COME IN SECRETLY.

MY FRIEND FROM "INSIDE"...

...TOLD ME ABOUT THAT PLACE.

THEY WON'T LET ME IN AT THE FRONT...



BUT
I FOUND
IT...

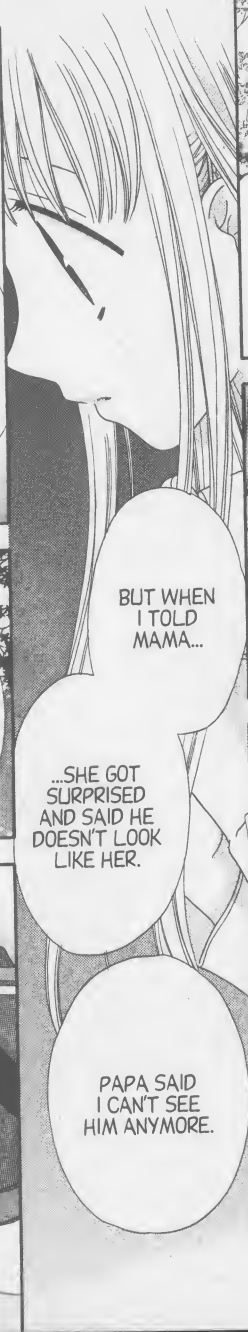
...WHEN
I WAS
PLAYING IN
SECRET.



MOMIJI'S
HOUSE.



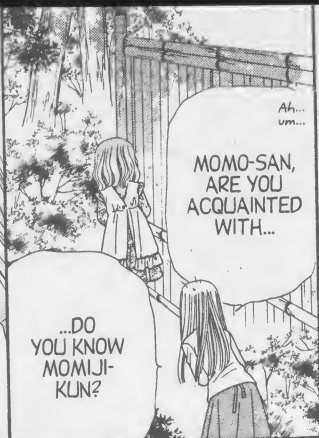
ON THAT
DAY...



BUT WHEN
I TOLD
MAMA...

...SHE GOT
SURPRISED
AND SAID HE
DOESN'T LOOK
LIKE HER.

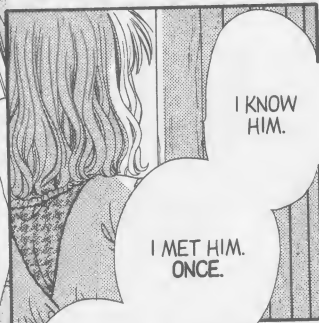
PAPA SAID
I CAN'T SEE
HIM ANYMORE.



Ah...
um...

MOMO-SAN,
ARE YOU
ACQUAINTED
WITH...

...DO
YOU KNOW
MOMIJI-
KUN?

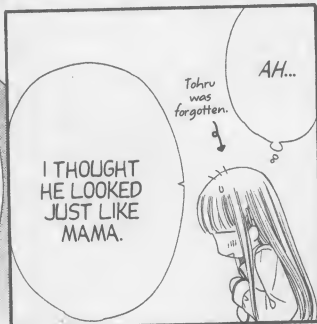


I KNOW
HIM.

I MET HIM.
ONCE.



IN PAPA'S
BUILDING.



Tohru
was
forgotten.

AH...

I THOUGHT
HE LOOKED
JUST LIKE
MAMA.



...HE WAS
PLAYING THE
VIOLIN.



WHENEVER
I CAN...

...I COME TO
WATCH HIM.

I WATCH
HIM IN
SECRET.



Y-
YOU...

MOMIJI-
KUN...

...DON'T...
TALK TO
HIM...?

MOMIJI-
KUN...



OH, BUT ONEE-
CHAN, YOU'RE
HIS FRIEND,
RIGHT?

MOMO
SHOWED YOU
THE RIGHT
WAY, RIGHT?

MOMO-
SAN...



SO PLEASE
DO MOMO A
FAVOR.

ASK
MOMIJI...



UHH-UH.
'CUZ
PAPA...

...SAID
NOT TO.



MOMO...
WANTS A BIG
BROTHER...

...TO TALK
TO AND PLAY
WITH.

MOMO
STARTED
LEARNING TO
PLAY THE
VIOLIN...

...SO WE
COULD PLAY
TOGETHER.


I BET IT
WOULD
BE FUN.

'CUZ HE
LOOKS JUST
LIKE MAMA.

MAMA
SAID HE
DOESN'T...

...BUT HE
LOOKS
JUST LIKE
HER.

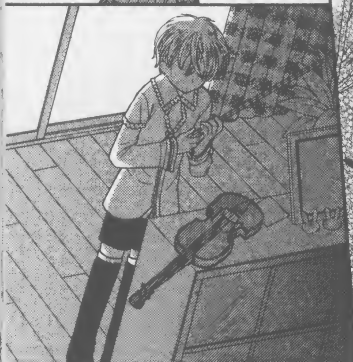
ASK MOMIJI
IF HE'LL BE
MOMO'S BIG
BROTHER!



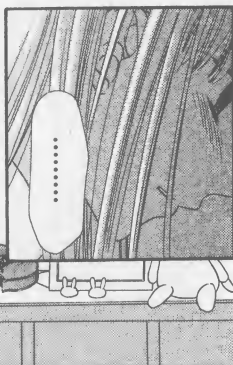
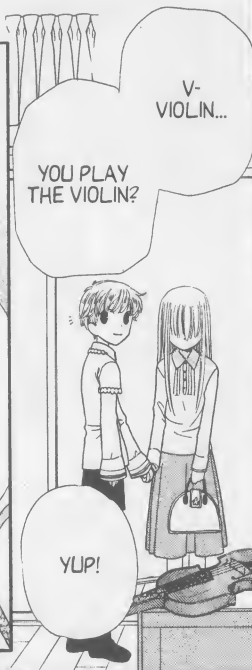
ASK HIM,
OKAY?

YOU CAN
SEE HIM
EVERY
DAY...

...SO ASK
HIM...







HE DOESN'T
WANT THE
HAPPINESS
HE WORKED
SO HARD TO
REBUILD...

...TO BE
DESTROYED.

HE
DOESN'T
...

...WANT TO
BE HURT
ANYMORE.

...

SO PAPA
MADE
ME STOP
LEARNING
FROM HIM.

MOMO
WANTED
TO LEARN TO
PLAY THE
VIOLIN, SO PAPA
WANTED HER
TO LEARN FROM
MY TEACHER
BECAUSE HE'S
FAMOUS.

BUT
REALLY...

HE'S
SCARED...

...GETTING
CLOSE TO
MAMA AND
MOMO.

...IS
SCARED
OF ME...

...
PAPA
...




BUT...
MOMO-
SAN...

SHE
WANTS...


...TO
SEE
YOU.



...
BUT
...



HE'S AFRAID
THAT HE'LL
BE HURT...




...IF THEY
SEE ME.



MOMO-
SAN...

ACTUALLY,
IT WAS
MOMO-SAN
WHO BROUGHT
ME ALL THE
WAY HERE.



IT'S TRUE.
IT'S REALLY
TRUE. MOMO-
SAN...



ALL
THIS
TIME
...


MOMO-SAN
KNEW ABOUT
YOU. ALL
THIS TIME...



SHE'S BEEN
WATCHING
YOU ALL
THIS TIME,
MOMIJI-KUN.

...WATCHED
OVER HER!

JUST
LIKE YOU'VE
ALWAYS...



MOMO-SAN
HAS BEEN
LISTENING TO
YOUR VIOLIN!



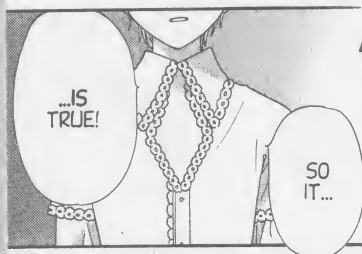
SHE
SAYS...SHE
WANTS TO
TALK...

SHE
WANTS
TO PLAY
WITH
YOU.

...TO
YOU.

SHE... SHE
WANTS...

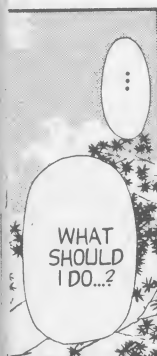
...TO KNOW
IF YOU'LL BE
HER B-- HER
BROTHER...!



...IS
TRUE!

SO
IT...

EVEN THOUGH
THE ONES
THEY WANT
TO SEE
ARE JUST
A STONE'S
THROW
AWAY...



WHAT
SHOULD
I DO...?



SHE'S BEEN
WATCHING
ME.

PAPA SAID
THAT MOMO
WAS CURIOUS
ABOUT ME!

I SEE.



I'M SO
HAPPY...

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?!

EVEN
THOUGH
THEY
WANT TO
SEE EACH
OTHER...



I WANT
TO BE A
VIOLINIST...

MY
DREAM,
YOU
KNOW?

IT'S TO BE A
VIOLINIST.

...AND HAVE
A SMALL
CONCERT...

AND...

...PAPA AND
MAMA AND
MOMO WILL
LISTEN TO
ME PLAY!

WHY?

WHY
CAN'T THEY
SEE EACH
OTHER?

WHY CAN'T
THEY LET
THEIR
FEELINGS
GROW?

TOHRU.

...THERE'S
SOMEONE
WHO WILL...

...CRY
FOR ME.

...MOMO.

THANK
YOU...

YOU'VE
MADE ME
SO HAPPY.

I'M SO
HAPPY...

...
BECAUSE
...

*I WANT TO
HELP THEM!*



...NO
MATTER
WHAT.

I HAVE TO
SEE HIM...

I WANT
WITH ALL
MY HEART
TO HELP
THEM!

EVEN IF
I'M TOLD
IT'S NOT
MY PLACE
TO GET
INVOLVED.

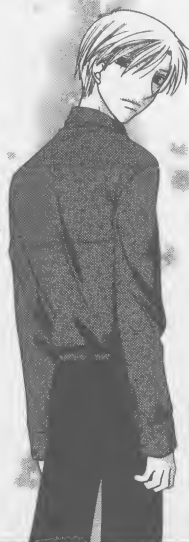


WHO DID
YOU COME
HERE TO
SEE?

SEE
WHO?

SEE...?

NO MATTER
WHAT.



I CAME
TO SEE...

...KURENO-
SAN.



I WISH, NO
MATTER
WHAT IT
TAKES...

...WITH
ALL MY
HEART...

...THAT
MOMIJI-KUN
AND MOMO-
SAN CAN SEE
EACH OTHER...

...AND
THAT UO-
CHAN CAN
RELINITE
WITH
KURENO-
SAN.

I SEE...

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TOHRU,
YOU CAME
HERE...

...TO SEE
KURENO?

BUT...

...WHY DO YOU
WANT TO SEE
KURENO?





KURENO,
YOU KNOW?

HE LIVES
IN A MANSION
FARTHER INSIDE,
AND WE DON'T
SEE HIM VERY
OFTEN.

SO SEEING
HIM MIGHT BE
DIFFICULT...

NO...

I'M
SO...

...SORRY
...



*THE
CURSE...*

I'LL GO
WITH YOU.

EH...?

EH?!

IT MIGHT
BE PRETTY
EASY TO FOR
ANYONE ELSE
TO SEE HIM.

IT MIGHT
ONLY BE THE
MEMBERS OF
THE ZODIAC
THAT THINK
THAT.

AKITO TOLD
US NOT TO SEE
HIM, SO THAT'S
WHAT WE DO.



Momo



Drawing small children is fun! As the creator, I think their brother/sister pairing is a miracle hit...but my opinions don't really matter. If only the day would come that Momitchi could stand tall and proudly proclaim that they are siblings... She would probably get quite the brother complex. Yes, I'm sure of it (laugh). Because it's Momitchi. I'm sure he would treasure her dearly.



AGAIN,
HE MIGHT
...

YOU
KNOW...



WHAT
WOULD YOU
DO IF SOME-
ONE FOUND
YOU ALONG
THE WAY?

...FOUND
YOU?

IF
AKITO...



MOMIJI-
KUN...

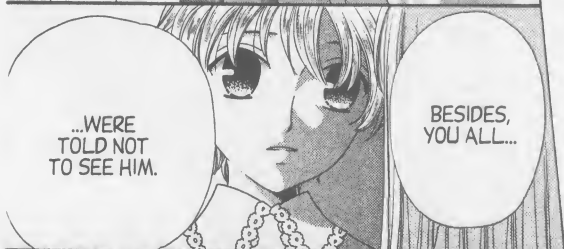


BUT...

...I MUSTN'T
TROUBLE
YOU ANY
MORE THAN
I ALREADY
HAVE.

I'LL...BE
ALL RIGHT.

I'M SO
HAPPY...



...WERE
TOLD NOT
TO SEE HIM.

BESIDES,
YOU ALL...

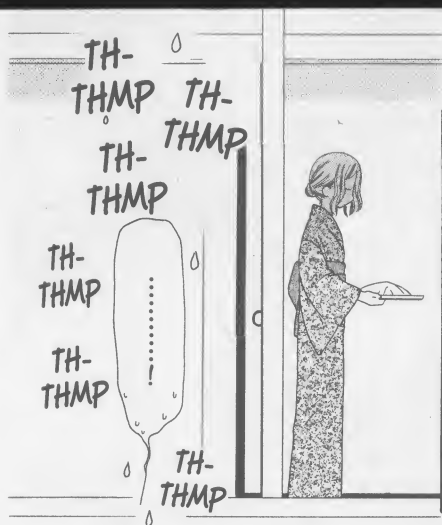
THANK
YOU...VERY
MUCH...



...FOR
WORRYING
...

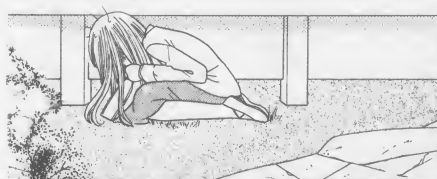
...ABOUT
ME.



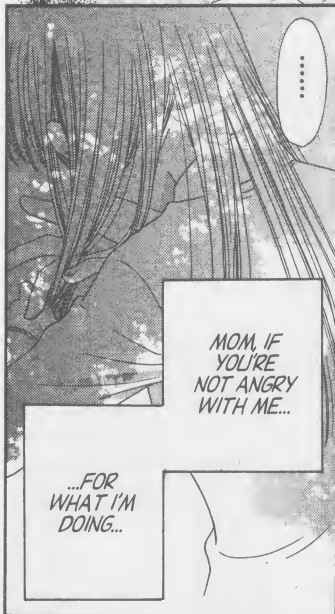


I AM...
TRULY VERY
THANKFUL...

...THAT
YOU DIDN'T
CRITICIZE
ME FOR MY
SELFISH-
NESS...



...AND
THAT YOU
WORRIED
ABOUT
ME.



MOM, IF
YOU'RE
NOT ANGRY
WITH ME...

...FOR
WHAT I'M
DOING...



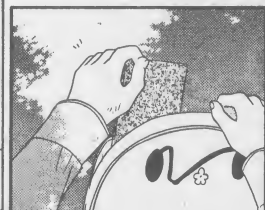
MOM...



A FIGHTING
SPIRIT...

I HAVE TO
HAVE A
FIGHTING
SPIRIT!

My hair
keeps getting
in the way,
so I have to
tie it back...





LET'S
SEE...

I
THINK
...



...I SHOULD
BE GETTING
CLOSE.



AT LEAST,
I'M PRETTY
SURE...


THE
SOHMA
ESTATE
REALLY
IS...

...VERY
BIG.



...THEN
PLEASE,
SHARE
WITH ME...

...A LITTLE
OF YOUR
FIGHTING
SPIRIT.



KURENO-
SA--!

AH...!



I DON'T HAVE
TIME TO BE
DEPRESSED!!

I'LL TRY
AGAIN!!

RUSTLE

THESE
THINGS KEEP
HAPPENING
BECAUSE I'M
NOT MORE
LEVEL-
HEADED.

I CAME
HERE ON A
MISSION,
DIDN'T I?

Uungh!

k

BUT...

...WHERE
IN THE
WORLD
AM I?

WHO'S
THERE?

...FROM
KURENO-SAN!

WHAT...

...AM
I DOING?



THIS
VOICE...

...IS
AKITO-
SAN'S.

AKITO

...

IS SOME-
ONE...

WHAT...

WHAT
CAN I...

...THERE?

...SAN...

WHAT
SHOULD
I...



IT'S ME,
KURENO.

I WAS
PASSING
THROUGH...

...ON AN
ERRAND.

EH...?

KURENO-SAN...!

...NO.

SO
THAT
ISN'T...

AKITO
WILL BE
WORRIED.

I MUST BE
GETTING
BACK.

...AKITO-
SAN?

IF
YOU'LL
EXCUSE
ME.

I THOUGHT
FOR SURE
THAT IT
WAS HIM.

WELL
THEN...

pull

.....!



I...I'M
SORRY...

WHAT WERE
YOU DOING
THERE?

AND HOW
DID YOU GET
"INSIDE" TO
BEGIN WITH?



IF YOU CAME
IN WITHOUT
PERMISSION...

...THEN YOU
CAN'T COMPLAIN
IF I HAND YOU
OVER TO THE
POLICE.



PL--

PLEASE
WAIT!!
I WANT TO--!

BEFORE
YOU HAND ME
OVER, PLEASE
LISTEN TO
WHAT I HAVE
TO SAY!

KURENO-
SAN...
KURENO-
SAN, DO
YOU...



I HAD A
FEELING,
LIKE SOME-
ONE HAD
CALLED
ME...

...SO I
CAME TO
INVESTIGATE.



IT'S
HIM.

DO YOU KNOW
AN ARISA
UOTANI-SAN?!

...UO-CHAN
REALLY
WANTS TO
SEE YOU!

IT SEEMS
LIKE...

THIS IS
UO-CHAN'S
KURENO-
SAN.

...



BECAUSE

...

SHE EVEN
CHANGED
WHERE SHE
WORKS!

LIJ-CHAN...
LIJ-CHAN
WON'T...

...TALK MUCH
ABOUT IT,
BUT I KNOW
IT'S REALLY
BOTHERING
HER.

...SHE CAN'T
SEE YOU,
KURENO-SAN,
SHE'S BEEN
REALLY
SAD...



...AND
LONELY!



...OF
SEEING
HER.

...NO
INTEN-
TION...

I HAVE
...



chirp
chirp



I...

.....



IS...
THAT...

...BECAUSE
YOU ARE A
MEMBER
OF THE
ZODIAC...

...KURENO-
SAN?

NO.



THAT'S
NOT IT.
I...



N--

NO!! UH,
UM, BUT--!

UO-CHAN IS
VERY DEAR
TO ME.



rummage
rummage

S-SO,
HERE...



THIS...

...IS UO-
CHAN'S
ADDRESS.

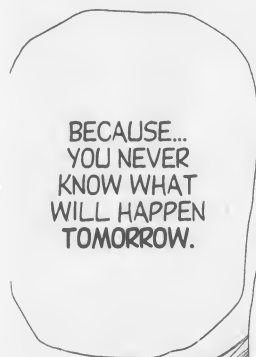


AH...
Y-YES...



IT...

...HAS
NOTHING
TO DO
WITH YOU.



BECAUSE...
YOU NEVER
KNOW WHAT
WILL HAPPEN
TOMORROW.




JUST...
FOR TO-
MORROW...



I-I WOULD
APPRECIATE
IT IF YOU
WOULD
ACCEPT
THIS.

I DON'T WANT
TO SAY THAT
YOU HAVE TO
CONTACT HER...



...EVEN SO,
AS LONG
AS YOU'RE
ALIVE...

...THINGS
KEEP
HAPPENING.

BECAUSE WHEN
YOU WAKE UP
TOMORROW, YOU
MIGHT WANT TO
SEE HER.

MAYBE
EVEN TEN
YEARS.
BUT...

IF NOT
TOMORROW,
MAYBE THE
NEXT DAY...

MAYBE
AFTER A
YEAR.

AS
LONG...

...AS
YOU'RE
ALIVE...

DON'T
GIVE
UP.



I'LL HIDE
IT HERE...
OKAY?

S-SO
THAT NO
ONE ELSE
WILL
FIND IT.

...I'LL...



SWP

?



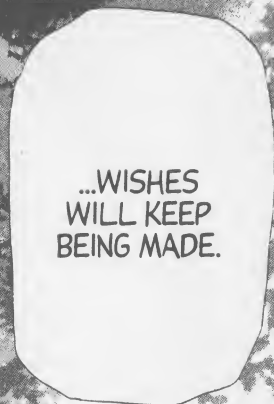
THAT'S

...ALL...I
WANTED
TO SAY.



UH...

EH...?



...WISHES
WILL KEEP
BEING MADE.



DON'T...

...GIVE
UP!



I'LL LET
YOU GO.

...IT'S
OKAY.



SINCE IT
SEEMS
THERE'S
SOMEONE
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOU.



OH...

HA
HA!

UNFORTU-
NATELY, I
DON'T HAVE
ANY HAND-
CLIFFS.



A GIRL
LIKE
YOU...

...SHOULDN'T
BE IN A
PLACE LIKE
THIS.



AH, UM...
KURENO-
SA...

NOW,
GO.



.....
! MOMIJI-
KUN...



HOW? IT'S NO
TROUBLE FOR
ME AT ALL!

TODAY,
I REALLY
CAUSED YOU
TROUBLE.

MOMIJI-
KUN...
TODAY...

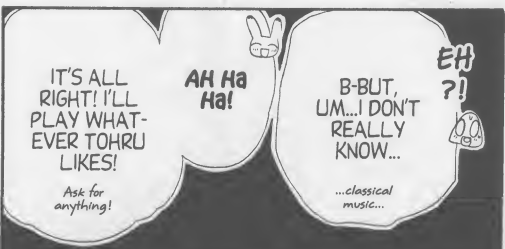


BECAUSE
YOU TOLD ME
ABOUT MOMO,
I'M HAPPY!

HEY!
SOMEDAY
I'LL HAVE
A CONCERT
JUST FOR YOU,
TOHRU!!

Oh
yeah

I WANT
TO THANK
YOU.



IT'S ALL
RIGHT! I'LL
PLAY WHAT-
EVER TOHRU
LIKES!

Ask for
anything!

AH HA
Ha!

B-BUT,
UM...I DON'T
REALLY
KNOW...

...classical
music...

EH
?! 



...GOODBYE.

I FEEL
LIKE
MY
HEART
...

...IS
BEING
TORN
APART.



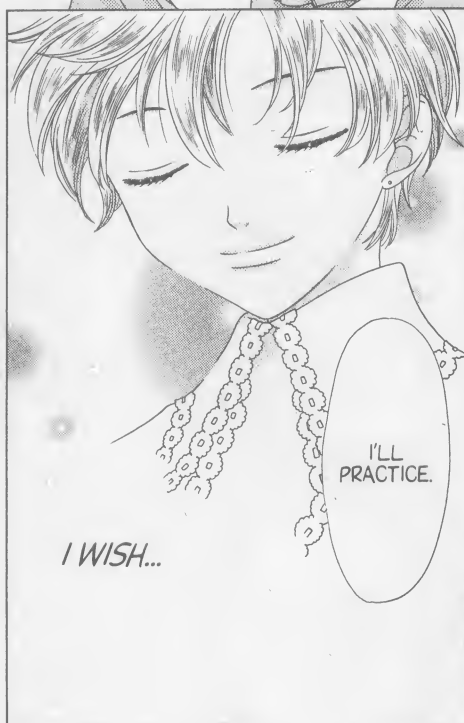
WISH...
UPON A
STAR.



WHAT
I...

...LIKE
...

WISH...



I WISH...

I'LL
PRACTICE.



TOHRU...
YOU LIKE
THAT ONE?
"WHEN YOU
WISH UPON
A STAR"?

AH... UM,
JUST NOW...
IT CAME
INTO MY
HEAD.

Ah!

BUT, UM, IF IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE ON
THE VIOLIN, I'LL
CHOOSE A
DIFFERENT
ONE...

UH-
UH.

...FOR YOU
TO BE ON
THE ROOF.

THIS IS
UNUSUAL...

WHAT'S
UP?

EH!

AH...

...THAT
THEY CAN
SEE EACH
OTHER.

...THE VERY
LEAST
I COULD
DO.

AH...
YES...IT
WAS...

HUH?

DID YOU
GO ON AN
EXPEDITION
OR SOMETHING
TODAY?

EH?

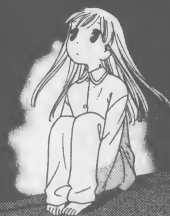
YOU'D
WANT
TO...

...

...BE
WITH...

...THE
PERSON
YOU LOVE,
RIGHT?

WHEN YOU
CAME HOME,
YOUR CLOTHES
WERE REALLY
DIRTY.





YOU'D WANT...

...TO BE
NEAR THEM,
WOULDN'T
YOU?



.....

...WITH
YOU.

...COOPERATE
...

...I'LL...



WHAT
?

DID
YOU...

...FALL IN
LOVE WITH
SOME GUY?



**EH
?!
!**

N-N-NO!
THAT'S NOT
IT! I'M NOT
TALKING
ABOUT
MYSELF!



WHEN YOU
DO FALL IN
LOVE WITH
SOMEONE...

DON'T
WORRY.



...AH...

YES.

THANK
y--

...

WHA...

WHY
ARE YOU
CRYING?!



I--
I DON'T
KNOW... FOR
SOME REASON,
T-TEARS
SUDDENLY...

...started
overflowing...

...MY
HEART...

WH-WHY
DOES...

...DON'T
COME
TRUE?

IS IT
BECAUSE
MY OUT-
RAGEOUS
WISH...

...IS SO DIS-
HEARTENING?

...HURT SO
MUCH?

LIKE IT'S
BEING TORN
APART.

IS IT
BECAUSE
I KNOW...

...THAT
SOME
WISHES...

EVEN
SO...

FOR A
CERTAIN
SOME-
ONE...

...TO STOP
CRYING.

AHA
HA.

...OKAY.

.../
WISH...

...KYO-
KUN.

WHAT
DO YOU...
WISH
FOR?

I WISH...



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THAT'S NOT
A HAIKU.

THIS ISN'T
KAMAKURA.

LET US MAKE A
FINE COUNTRY
THE KAMAKURA
SHOGUNATE...



RIGHT NOW,
WE'RE ON A
FIELD TRIP
THERE.

THAT'S
RIGHT...

THIS IS
KYOTO!

Ah!

IN THAT
CASE, WHAT
ABOUT, "SING,
NIGHTINGALE,
IN THE HEIAN
CAPITAL"?!
Ah!

OH! YOU'RE
RIGHT... MY
MISTAKE...

Tohru-kun has
one-upped me...
Heh heh...

THAT'S
NOT A
HAIKU!!



MAYBE SO,
BUT THIS IS
A CLASS
TRIP—THERE'S
NOT MUCH
WE CAN DO
ABOUT IT.

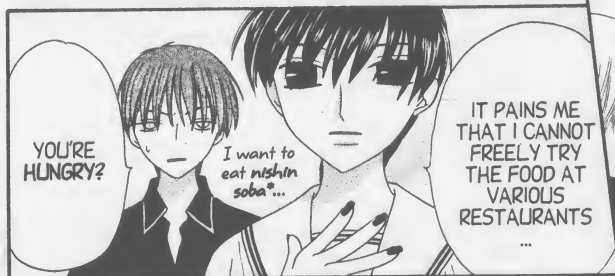
...THIS ISN'T
REALLY THE
TYPE OF PLACE
TO VISIT IN
LARGE GROUPS?

IT KINDA
KILLS THE
ATMOSPHERE.

OUR CLASS
TRIP HAS
BEGIN!



DON'T
YOU
THINK...

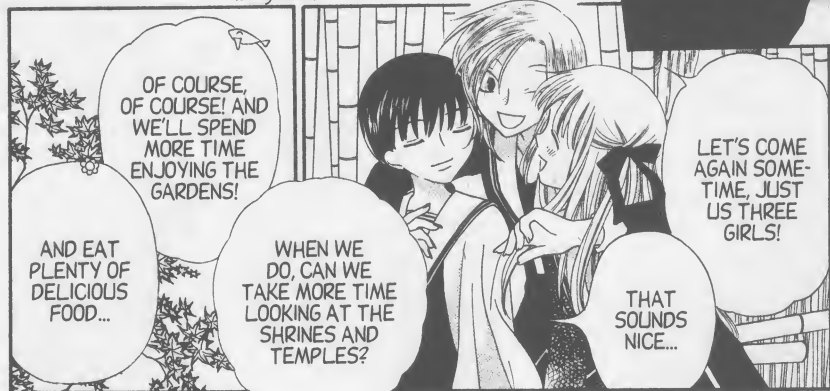


YOU'RE
HUNGRY?

I want to
eat nishim
soba*...

IT PAINS ME
THAT I CANNOT
FREELY TRY
THE FOOD AT
VARIOUS
RESTAURANTS
...

*herring noodles



OF COURSE,
OF COURSE! AND
WE'LL SPEND
MORE TIME
ENJOYING THE
GARDENS!

AND EAT
PLENTY OF
DELICIOUS
FOOD...

WHEN WE
DO, CAN WE
TAKE MORE TIME
LOOKING AT THE
SHRINES AND
TEMPLES?

LET'S COME
AGAIN SOME-
TIME, JUST
US THREE
GIRLS!

THAT
SOUNDS
NICE...





Kunimitsu-niichan



He's not a Sohma, so he doesn't know any of the secrets of the Sohmas, like their possession by vengeful spirits. He met Kazuma when he was a mischievous lad. After he reformed, he took charge of helping Kazuma with his daily routine. As far as Kunimitsu is concerned, Kyo doesn't have a father other than Kazuma. He probably respects him. As for what Kyo thinks of him... I'm not sure. I guess that by now, he's no longer wary of him. Kyon is wary of *everyone* at first (laugh).



DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME-- JUST HAVE FUN.

IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT EVENT FOR STUDENTS.

RIGHT?



AH...

...YES.



STUPID KYON!!

OW!

WHAP

Have you decided what you're going to bring back for yourself?

Y-yes! An ornament.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, IMPORTANT?

IT'S JUST A PAIN IN THE ASS.

Aaahh, I don't wanna go!



...WE
HURRIED UP
AND PACKED
OUR BAGS...

...AND MADE
IT SAFELY
TO KYOTO.

IT REALLY IS
PRETTY... I WISH
MOM COULD BE
HERE TO SEE IT.

Hey,
hey!



YEAH!
YOU'RE RIGHT,
YOU'RE RIGHT!

YOU THINK
THOSE TWO
ARE CLASS
TRIP COUPLE
NUMBER ONE?



I WONDER
WHAT IT IS ABOUT
THESE EVENTS
THAT MAKES
PEOPLE CONFESS
THEIR LOVE?

ISN'T IT THE
EXCITEMENT...?



YOUNG
PEOPLE
LEFT ON
THEIR OWN
CONFESS
THEIR LOVE
AND ARE
CONFESSED
TO, AND
EXPERIENCE
THEIR FIRST--

A CLASS TRIP
IS A ROMANTIC
EVENT!! I MEAN,
THAT'S THE
ONLY REASON
ANYONE GOES
ON THOSE
TRIPS, RIGHT?!
ROMANCE!

HEY, LISTEN
TO ME!!



AND SO, WITH
SHIGURE-SAN'S
ENCOURAGE-
MENT...

I STILL...
FEEL...

"I HAVE
NO INTEN-
TION..."

...OF
SEEING
HER."

...LIKE
I SHOULDN'T...

...TELL
HER.

.....

I HAVEN'T...

...TOLD UO-
CHAN...

...THAT HER
KURENO-SAN
WAS KURENO
SOHMA-SAN.

CONFES-
SIONS OF
LOVE...

I wish
some got
would tell
for me...

Excitement?
Maybe she's
right.

Don't
get your
hopes
up...

THEY'RE
SAYING
THINGS
SIMILAR
TO WHAT
SHIGURE-
SAN WAS
SAYING...

...HUH?

SO WHY DOES
HE HAVE SO
MUCH FREE
TIME?

...YOU WOULD
THINK THAT
PRINCE CHARMING
WOULD BE IN
HIGH DEMAND
RIGHT NOW.

AH...!

NOW
THAT YOU
MENTION
IT...

EH
?!
Y-YES?!

TOHRU.

DON'T YOU
THINK IT'S
STRANGE?

EH...?

IF THERE'S
SUCH A RUSH
FOR EVERYONE
TO CONFESS
THEIR LOVE...

...AND IN
SUNLIGHT...

...IS
BECAUSE...

THAT...

ZAH

...IN
SHADOW
...

ZAH



He doesn't get it.

I'm not as popular as you think, Uotani-san.

Oh... But I want to beat everyone to him, really...

If we give into our feelings and confess our love, then none of us win, so we remain vigilant!

... We, the Prince Yuki Club, are protecting you!



EH...

AH! IT'S TRUE! HE'S REALLY GONE!

Roger that !!

WE'RE GOING TO SPY ON HIM?! OH, COOL!

LOOK FOR HIM!! FIND HIM!!

UOOOHHH!!

EEHH ?!

H-Hana-chan, too?



BESIDES, KYO IS MORE POPULAR THAN I AM.

IT WOULD SEEM THAT SOMEONE HAS CALLED HIM AS WE SPEAK.



EVER
SINCE FIRST
YEAR!

I'VE
ALWAYS
LIKED YOU,
KYO!

WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
DATING?

WH-
WHY?!

IF YOU GO
OUT WITH
ME, YOU
MIGHT GROW
TO LIKE ME!

YOU CAN
LEARN MY
NAME NOW!

THEY'RE
REALLY
GOING
AT IT!

A FIGHT
SCENE?

I DON'T EVEN
KNOW YOUR
NAME.

I TOLD
YOU...

I DON'T
LIKE YOU OR
ANYTHING.

THAT KYON
IS CLEARLY
MAKING A FACE
LIKE HE DOESN'T
LIKE HER.

*I thought
he was just
embarrassed.*

DON'T
YOU THINK
YOU'RE BEING
AWFULLY
COLD?!

HEY...

SHRUG

HOW MEAN!
WAIT A
MINUTE!!

THAT'S
NOT THE
PROBLEM...

THAT'S
ENOUGH,
OKAY? GIVE
ME A BREAK!



...PART
OF YOUR
STUPID
ROMANTIC
DREAMS?

WHO DO YOU
THINK YOU
ARE, MAKING
A GUY LIKE
ME...

DON'T...
TOUCH
ME.

YOU'RE...

...PISSING
ME OFF.

DAHH!

KYON,
YOU
IDIOT
!!!



WHY
ARE YOU
TALKING
LIKE
GIRLS?

That's right!
IF YOU CAN'T
BE GENTLE,
YOU'LL
NEVER BE
A REAL
MAN!!

YOU HAVE
TO TREAT
GIRLS MORE
GENTLY!!

WHA
...?!
WHAT ARE
YOU GUYS
DOING
HERE?!

*I WISH
I COULD
SAY THAT!*

*I WISH I
COULD FEEL
THAT WAY,
TOO!*

I want to be
popular, I want
to be popular, oh,
I want to be
popular. I want
to be insanely
popular, I want
to be so popular I
can't stand it, I
want to be over-
whelming with
popularity!!

WHAT'S
YOUR
GUYS'
PROBLEM
...?



LOOK, YOU...!
WHAT GOOD
WOULD IT DO
TO BE NICE TO
A GIRL I'M NOT
INTERESTED IN?!

YOU'LL
NEVER BE
POPULAR
LIKE THAT!!

YOU'LL
BE ALL
ALONE!!

I DON'T
WANT TO BE
POPULAR!!





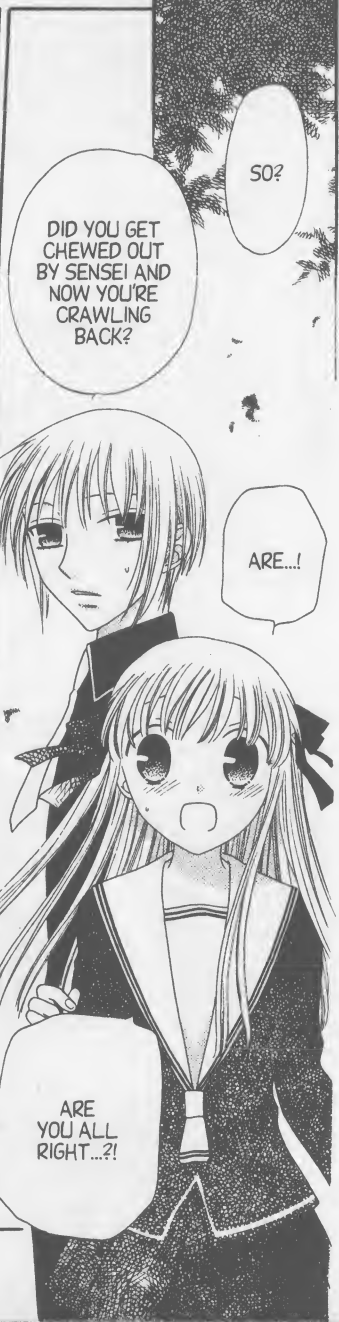
She doesn't keep lecturing.



Apparently she took it hard.

FUME

FUME





IT'S
NOTHING!

...
Like I
could
tell
her.

IT'S GOT
NOTHING
TO DO WITH
YOU!



AH...
UM...

WHAT ON
EARTH
COULD HAVE
CAUSED...

...SUCH
AN...

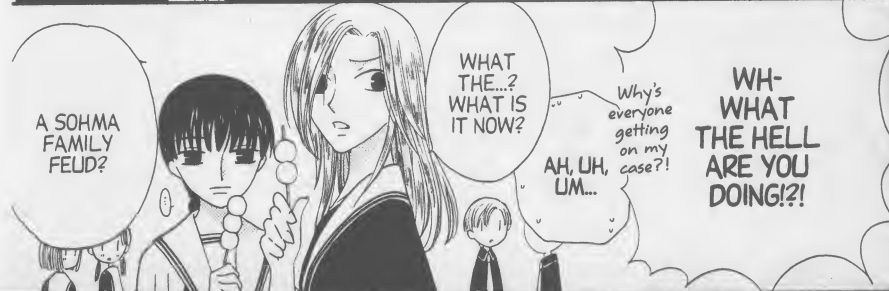
...uproar...



AAH!

Mastered
Kakeru's
technique
(with 3
times the
power)

OW!



A SOHMA
FAMILY
FEUD?

WHAT
THE...?
WHAT IS
IT NOW?

Why's
everyone
getting
on my
case?!

AH, UH,
UM...

WH-
WHAT
THE HELL
ARE YOU
DOING!?!

HANG
IN THERE,
DESTRUCTIVE
IDIOT.

"IT HAS
NOTHING
TO DO
WITH
YOL!"

SHUT
UP!!

LEAVE
ME
ALONE!!

YOU...

DESTRUCTIVE
IDIOT!!

EH? AH!
UM...

THANK
YOU.

THAT WAS
THE CORRECT
REACTION...

Have some
odango...

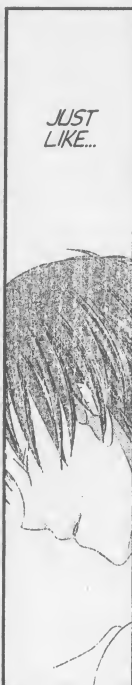
For you
too, Tahn...

Destructive
?

*Odango = balls of sweetened rice flour



...I DID
THEN.



JUST
LIKE...



WHY?

...I FELT
LIKE I WAS
BEING TORN
APART.

THAT
WASNT
THE FIRST
TIME...

...HE'S
SAID
THAT
TO ME,
BUT...



S
H
O
C
K

S
H
O
C
K

I WAS SO LOST
IN MY THOUGHTS,
I GOT SEPARATED
FROM EVERYONE!!

Oh
no!!

WH-WHERE
DID THEY
ALL GO?!

A
W
A
L
L
O
F
P
E
O
P
L
E



AH...



EH?!

ARE YOU
LOOKING
FOR SOME-
THING?

AH!!
NO, I'M
NOT. I'M
SORRY!

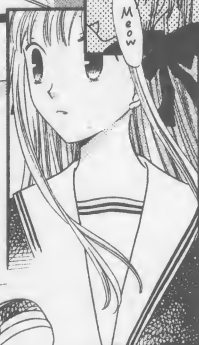


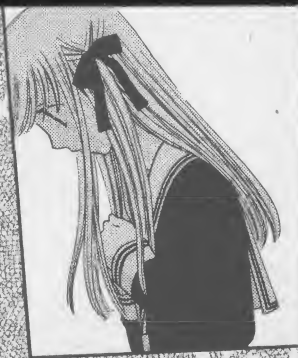
IT'S
TERRIBLY
CROWDED.

I WONDER
IF YUKI-
KUN AND
KYO-KUN
ARE ALL
RIGHT...?

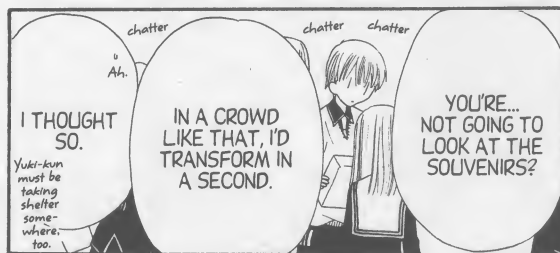
chatter
...chatter

Ah
ha
ha!





KYO...





KY--

KYO-KUN?!!

.....



IS SHE A
FRIEND
OF YOURS,
KYO-KUN?

OF
COURSE
NOT!



I TOLD YOU,
DIDN'T I? THEY
JUST CAME
ON THEIR
OWN...

SCRATCH



Today
just
isn't
my
lucky
day.

What's
the
deal?

WHA-WH-WHA?!
WHAT SHOULD...
WE-WE HAVE TO
FOLLOW HER!

Ah,
but the
scratch!

SHE CAME
ON HER OWN
AND LEFT ON
HER OWN.

LET
HER BE.



Hmph!

I'm
going
home to
mother.

STRIDE

AH, AH,
AH...MS.
KITTY!!



How cruel!! You have me,
and yet you're all over
another girl!



I thought destiny had
brought us together, but
this is too much.

...LIKE
THAT.

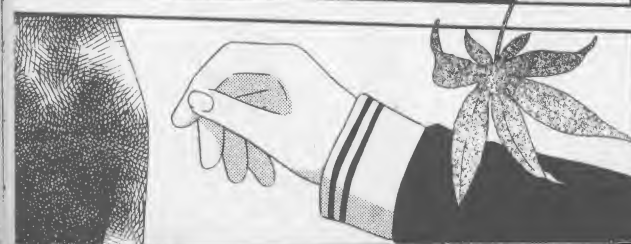
...IF SOME
DAY...

...I'LL BE
PUSHED
AWAY...

SHEESH.
LIKE
I CAN...

...BE NICE
TO EVERY
SINGLE
THING.

...
WONDER
...





...NN?

WHAT'S
WRONG...?

IT'S JUST,
THAT...

Y-Y-YOU SUDDENLY
WALKED AWAY AND
I WAS WONDERING
WHERE YOU WERE
GOING, SO...

I just...

AH,
I SEE.
Sorry.

BLUSH

AH! NO...
UM--!

AH
...



*Sign: Aburi-mochi





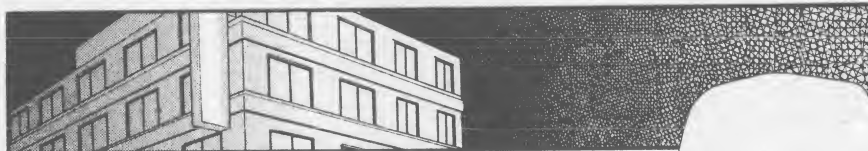
IT'S A
MYSTERY.





KYO-
KUN...

...IS
MYSTERIOUS
INDEED.



Don't
give
me
that!!

THERE
ARE A LOT
OF STUDENTS
FROM YOUR
CLASS THERE,
TOO, SHIRAKI-
SENSEI!!

OH...

TEACHERS,
COME HERE!!

THE GIRLS
ARE IN THE
BOYS' ROOM!!



LOOK AT THEM!! ALL THE STUDENTS ARE READY TO RUN OFF--IT'S EMBARRASSING!!

WE'RE GOING, WE'RE GOING...



YOU DON'T COME ON CLASS TRIPS SO YOU CAN SNEAK INTO THE OTHER GENDER'S ROOM!!



SHE'S RIGHT. AS AN ADULT, MY FEELING IS, "DON'T GET INVOLVED."

NOW, NOW... IT'S BOUND TO HAPPEN.

And I'm sleepy.

BEFORE YOU'RE AN ADULT, YOU'RE A TEACHER!!

You're coming!!



Aren't they interested in the opposite sex?

Sleep of the Just

I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ONES THAT FELL ASLEEP RIGHT AWAY...

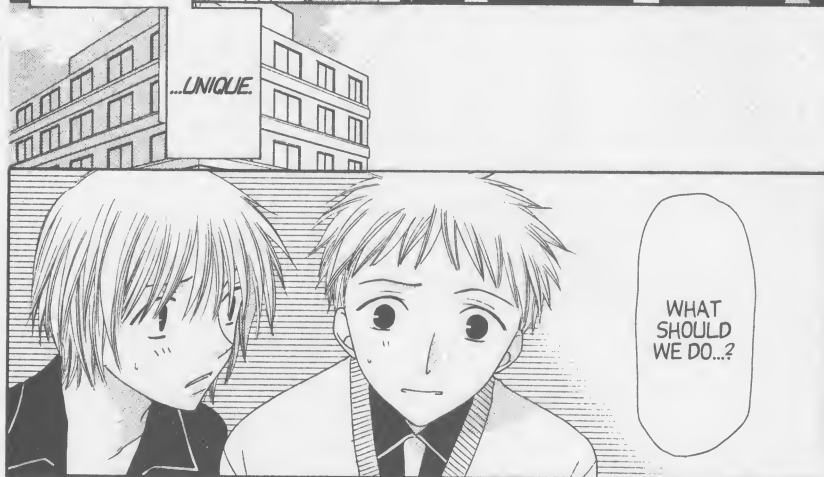


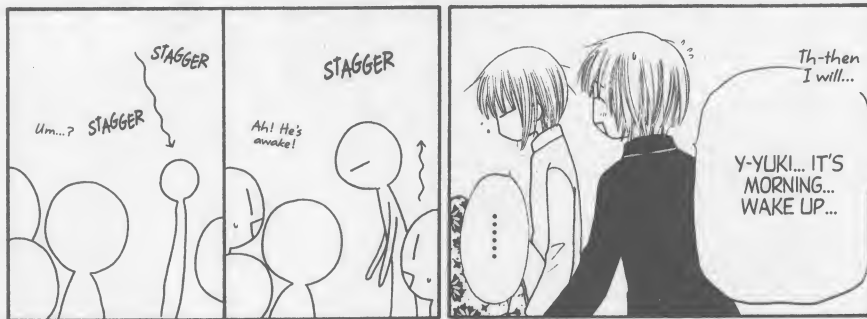
Here are two more that fell asleep right away.

SNORE



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IT'S
A CLUMSY
SIDE OF YUKI
THAT HAS
NEVER EVER
BEEN SEEN
BEFORE!!!

GUH-
WAAH
!!!

WHAM

HOW'S HIS
FACE?! IS HIS
FACE OKAY?!

YUKI!!!
WHAT'RE
YOU GONNA
DO IF YOU
GET A SCAR?!





I GUESS
THERE'S NO
HELP FOR IT,
YUN-YUN.

YOU WERE
PROBABLY
BROUGHT UP
AS A SPOILED
LITTLE RICH
GIRL.

Good grief.
Sigh....



GOOD JOB,
NABE!!

YUKI'S
AWAKE!!

NABE,
YOU'RE
THE BEST!!

Ow
Ow
Ow
Ow
Ow

Sensei

GO EAT
BREAKFAST
NOW, ALL
OF YOU!



OW! OW!! I'M
SORRY, I WAS
WRONG!! I MEANT
"BOY"! "SPOILED
LITTLE BOY"!!

EITHER
WAY, YOU'RE
MAKING FLN
OF ME.

SQUEEZE

EEEOUCH!

OOOOOOOOH!!



LOOK THIS WAY!

FLASH

OK?
SO THAT'S WHY YOU WERE LATE TO BREAKFAST?

OKAY.

BUT IT'S FINE.

I DON'T CARE.

A-ARE YOU SURE...?

What? What? After I went to all the trouble to wake you up! Stupid! Stupid!

I'm not talking to you any more, so don't talk to me. You stupid head!

NN? HE WAS YELLING ABOUT SOME-THING...

NICE SHOT!

So?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE VICE PRESIDENT AFTER THAT?





POSITIVE.

WORRYING
ABOUT HIM IS
A WASTE OF
TIME.



rise

ABOUT
THAT VICE
PRESIDENT...



YES... WITH
TOHRU-KUN...

...I FELT AS
IF I'D SEEN
THIS PERSON
BEFORE... A
LONG TIME
AGO...

Inaugural
greeting



I...FEEL LIKE
I'VE MET HIM
BEFORE...

EVER SINCE...
I SAW HIM
ONSTAGE
GREETING
EVERYONE...

EH?

I'VE ALWAYS
FELT THAT...



I WONDER...

W-with
me...you
say?!

E
E
H
H
?!

REALLY?!



N--

NO, IT
DOESN'T
MATTER...

I'M SORRY...
I DON'T
KNOW...
AT ALL.

*To be honest,
I don't really
know what he
looks like...*

DON'T GO
CONFUSING
EVERYONE WITH
YOUR VAGUE
MEMORIES,
HANAJIMA.



EH? IT'S
THAT TIME
ALREADY?

HEY,
GUYS!

THEY WANT
US TO MEET
AT THE
BUSES.



HEY! YOU'RE
THE ONE WHO
BROUGHT
IT UP.

THAT'S RIGHT,
TOHRU-KUN... IT'S
OBVIOUSLY MY
IMAGINATION...

Megumi
Hanajima



Odango
are the
best.

As the creator, I think their brother/sister pairing is a miracle hit. (Enough of that! You say that too much.) If Megumi hadn't been around, Hana-chan's life may have turned out a little differently. That's exactly why Hana-chan loves Megumi so much. As for Megumi, he may have been born a fan(?) of his older sister (laugh). By the way, he's a second-year in middle school. ...Or he should have been (hey!). Both of the siblings like odango.







PAPIER-
MACHE?

*I'll do my
best!*

IF I BUY
SOME PAPIER-
MACHE, IT WILL
BE ALMOST
COMPLETE!



IT'S A
SOUVENIR
FOR MYSELF.

I RAN
OUT AND
BOUGHT IT
A WHILE
AGO.



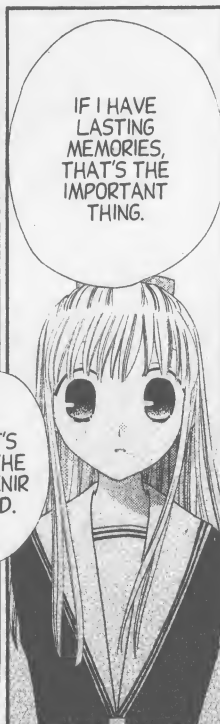
FOR MY-
SELF?

I...
HAVEN'T...

YUKI-KUN,
HAVE YOU
THOUGHT
OF WHAT
YOU'RE GOING
TO BUY FOR
YOURSELF?



.....



IF I HAVE
LASTING
MEMORIES,
THAT'S THE
IMPORTANT
THING.

THAT'S
ALL THE
SOUVENIR
I NEED.



YOU
HAVE
THEM.

I'M
SURE...

...YOU DO.

FAINTLY
GLOWING...

...MEMORIES--
YOUR SOUVENIRS--
ARE INSIDE YOU,
YUKI-KUN.



SOFTLY...

THANK
YOU!

"OR SOME-
THING."



Hee
hee!

.. blush

OR
SOME-
THING...

...OR...





I TREASURE
THAT...

EVEN
NOW.



WHETHER
THROUGH
CHANCE...

...OR MY OWN
DECEITFULNESS.



YOU...

...STANDING
THERE, SO
QUIETLY...

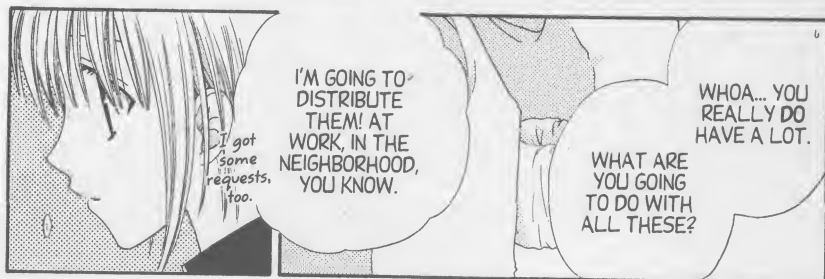
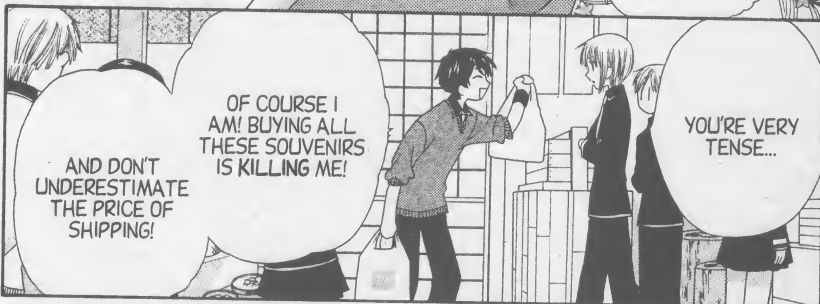
...SMILING
AT ME.

THANK
YOU!

SOMEHOW...



I THINK
I'VE FOUND
SOME
UNDER-
STANDING.







...DOES SHE
HAVE SOME
RELATIONSHIP
TO YOU?

OR...

IS IT
BECAUSE
YOU'RE CURIOUS
ABOUT HER
RELATIONSHIP
WITH ME?

AREN'T
YOU...

...UNUSUALLY
INTERESTED
IN HER?



YOU AND
SHE.

...MET
BEFORE?

HAVE
YOU...



...I LIKE
HER?

...IT'S
JUST
THAT...

WHAT IF
I WERE TO
SAY THAT,
ACTUALLY...

MMM...





SO
WHAT?

IF I WAS
THAT KIND
OF GUY...



...HOW
WOULD
YOU NOT
FORGIVE
ME?



I'D NEVER
SPEAK TO
YOU AGAIN.

THAT IS
THE ONE
THING...

...CANNOT
FORGIVE.



I COULD
NEVER
FORGIVE
YOU.





NE--?!!



"NEVER..."



...SPEAK
TO ME?"

I SOUND LIKE A
LITTLE KID! "NEVER
SPEAK TO YOU
AGAIN"...?! "NEVER
SPEAK TO YOU
AGAIN"...?!!

WHAT AM
I SAYING?!!
WHERE DID
THAT COME
FROM?!

"NEVER SPEAK
TO YOU"?
WHAT AM
I SAYING?!

NO, UM,
THAT
WAS...!

SAYING THAT
WON'T HAVE
ANY EFFECT
WHATSOEVER!!
I'LL BE
LAUGHED AT!!

WHA...

STEP...





WHAT
ABOUT ME?!

SHUT UP! YOU
LIVE FOR YOUR
GIRLFRIEND,
DON'T YOU?!



PLEASE
STOP
WITH THAT
SUBJECT...

*How did it get
started...?*

If there's
anything you
want to see, Kimi
doesn't mind
showing it to you,
Yun-Yun.



...I'M
SORRY.



I REALLY
LOVE HER!



JUST ONE
GIRL. SHE'S
AWFUL
CUTE.



Oh!

YOU HAVE A
GIRLFRIEND...?

*There's a girl who can
put up with this?*

I DO.
I DO.

*Why do
you look so
surprised?*



NEVER
MIND THAT!!
FORGET IT!!

...are
you not
talking
to me?

KIMI
DOESN'T
HAVE ANY
IDEA WHAT
YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT.

I HAVE A
DIFFERENT
REASON FOR
ASKING ABOUT
HER, I GUESS...

SO YOU HAVE
NOTHING TO
WORRY ABOUT.
I'M NOT AFTER
HONDA-SAN.


EH?

BUT I'M SURE
I WON'T BE
THE LAST
PERSON TO
ASK ABOUT
HER.

AS
FOR THE
REASON,
I'LL
PUT OFF
TELLING
YOU...

...A LITTLE
LONGER.

IS THAT
BAD?



I THINK THAT A
WOMAN WHO GOES
AROUND ALWAYS
HITTING ON MEN
WHO HAVE
GIRLFRIENDS
CAN'T BE
TRUSTED!

She'll
lead men
to ruin.

BUT KIMI
THINKS THAT A
MAN WHO MAKES
IT A POINT TO
WATCH PORN EVEN
THOUGH HE HAS A
GIRLFRIEND CAN'T
BE TRUSTED!



SOMEHOW...
YOU TWO...

I think he's
cheating
on her in his
heart.

BUT...

Eeehh?!

Isn't
it just
that they
don't have
enough
love?

I think
you share
in the
responsi-
bility.

That's not
Kimi's fault.
It's their own
responsibility!

THE PART
OF ME THAT
PANICKED
AND SAID
SOMETHING
SO SENSE-
LESS...

"NEVER
TALK
TO HIM
AGAIN"...

THAT
PART OF
ME...

...THAT
THEY'RE
IN LOVE.

...I GUESS
I COULD NEVER
TRULY HATE
SOMEONE...

...WHO IS
CAPABLE
OF SAYING...

...SOMEDAY
I MIGHT
LOOK BACK
AT THIS
MEMORY...

I MIGHT
NOT
HATE
IT SO
MUCH.

TODAY...

...FOR THE
FIRST
TIME...

...AND
SMILE.

...THAT
SOME-
DAY...

"YOU HAVE
THEM."

I WONDER
IF THAT
WILL EVER
HAPPEN?

...I THOUGHT...





"I'M
SURE..."

...YOU
DO."



FOR YOU,
MACHI.

HERE.

A SOUVENIR.



I DON'T
WANT A
STUPID
LEAF.

*What would I
do with it?*

THESE RED
LEAVES WERE
RAINING DOWN.
IT WAS VERY
PRETTY.

WHEN SOME-
ONE OFFERS
YOU A GIFT,
TAKE IT!!

*Without
complaining!!*

DO YOU
WANT ONE,
NAO?



*Did
we miss
any-
thing?*

I DIDN'T
ASK YOU TO
COME!!

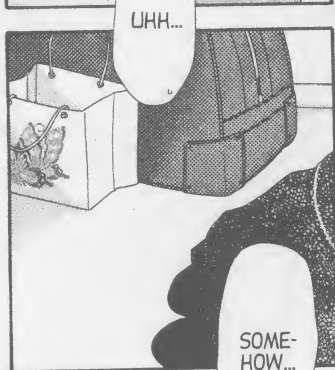
HONESTLY! WE
COME RIGHT TO
SCHOOL FROM OUR
TRIP FOR YOU, AND
HERE YOU ARE,
BEING AN UN-CUTE
DRAG, AS USUAL!



IT WILL
FAINTLY...



...START
TO GLOW.



*Box: Chinese Zodiac





BUT
NOW...



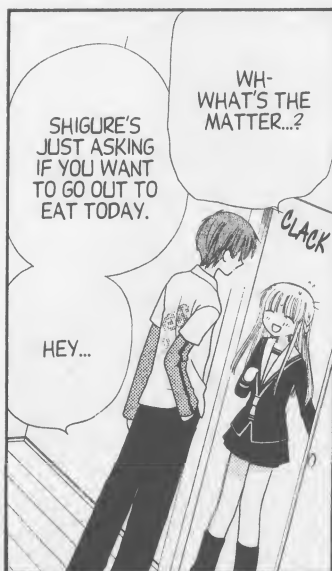
IT'S
PERFECT!



...ENDED
UP MAKING
THEM...

...A
LITTLE...

...STRANGE.



SHIGURE'S
JUST ASKING
IF YOU WANT
TO GO OUT TO
EAT TODAY.

WH-
WHAT'S THE
MATTER...?

HEY...

CLACK



TOHRI.

CAN I
TALK TO
YOU?

Uwah!
Yes!!!



CAUGHT UP?

?

UM...



THAT IS...

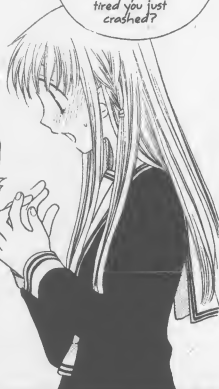


AH...! NO...

I WAS JUST SO CAUGHT UP...

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED CLOTHES YET?

Were you so tired you just crashed?



AND I HAVEN'T COLORED THEM YET...



AH, UM, THEY'RE VERY...

...POORLY MADE.



I WANTED TO COMPLETE...

...MY SET OF ZODIAC ORNAMENTS.



ARE YOU
STUPID?

THEY ADD
COLOR...

...AND START
TO GLOW.

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Filler
Sketch



I feel so grateful!!



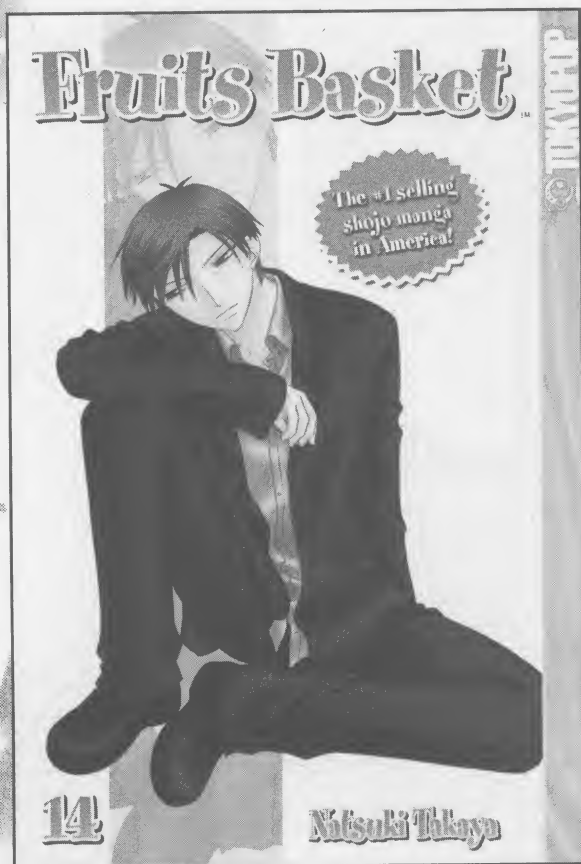
*Harada-sama, Araki-sama,
Mother, Father and everyone
who reads and supports this
manga...thank you so much
for your support!*

*Next is...I'm currently worried about
that... But it'll probably end up being
Kureno-san...maybe?*

-Natsuki Takaya



Next time in...



Not For the Faint of Heart...

Convinced he's hiding something, Rin continues going to Shigure's house. But this time, Rin feels sick and passes out! While unconscious, Rin dreams of how her happy family fell into tragedy...and how she once decided to try to break the curse! When Rin awakes, Tohru tries to convince Rin to go to the hospital, but Rin refuses. Later that night, Rin argues with Tohru, telling her to stop trying to break the curse! Meanwhile, Yuki goes to the ASB council room only to find it trashed again! But as the secrets of who trashed the room come out of the closet, Yuki accidentally gets locked in one.

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Year of the Horse: Rin, Of Course!



Unfortunately, Horses dislike taking the advice of others since it makes them feel alienated and inferior and they end up being a lone wolf when it comes to their professions. When they have something to show for themselves though, they eat up any attention they are given and are exceptional motivators.

Gifted with a silver tongue and constantly on the move, women born in the Year of the Horse are impeccable multitaskers that give off an air of being in a dozen places at once. While all are bright and fresh in their appearance, ladies of this year range in demeanor from being gentle as a kitten to as untamable as Alexander's horse, Bucephalus. Nonetheless, they all have a deep love of nature that shines through in their passion for constantly wanting to see what new sights the world has to offer.

Celebrity Horses:

Halle Berry
Jason Biggs
Cindy Crawford
Janet Jackson
Matthew Fox
Chris Rock
David Schwimmer
Kiefer Sutherland
Mister Ed

Horse

Years*: 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, 2026, 2038

Positive Qualities: Cunning, Adventurous, Cheerful, Social, Competitive

Grievances: Impatient, Selfish, Stubborn

Suitable Jobs: Scientist, Poet, Politician, Explorer

Compatible With: Tigers, Dogs

Must Avoid: Rats

Ruling Hours: 11 AM to 1 PM

Season: Summer

Ruling Month: June

Sign Direction: South

Fixed Element: Fire

Corresponding Western Sign: Gemini

For countless millennia, one creature has stood above all others in helping to shape the world we live in--the Horse. Without this four-legged creature, Qin Shihuang, China's first emperor, would never have been able to unify China's vast territory in 221 BC nor would the Americas be what they are today had early explorers not brought them over in their quests for gold. Thus, for anyone fortunate enough to be born in this year, many blessings abound.

Horses are naturally hardworking individuals that are both intelligent and friendly. Horses love spending time in the company of others and thrive on popularity. They are highly competitive, but can be impatient and selfish when it comes to the needs of others. Ironically, Horses crave love and intimacy, but they often feel trapped and like to have their space at times.

Highly talented, Horses seem to excel in any jobs involving the use of their hands, as they are not very cerebral.

*Note: It is important to know on which day Chinese New Year's was held, as that changes what Zodiac animal you are. Example: 1990 actually began on January 27 and anyone born before that date is actually a Snake.

Fans Basket

Hello, faithful *Furuba* fans! I hope you enjoyed Volume 13 of *Fruits Basket*! Things are really starting to get intense, huh? I hope Tohru doesn't get buried in drama. Speaking of being buried, I have more fan art and letters than I know what to do with! I am continually impressed by your dedication and faithfulness. Long live *Furuba* and its fans! Once again, thank you all for making my job such a blast!

- Paul Morrissey, Editor

Meghan E. Riedel
Age 14 1/2
Richmond, MI



Wow, Meghan. I absolutely love this drawing. I've made a snowman before, but never a Snow-Kyo! Nice work!



Hey, Fiona! I agree--Kisa and Hiro
make a lovely couple! Speaking of lovely,
Fiona drew a very charming self-portrait on
the back of her letter.

Fiona Quen
Age 16 1/2
Riverbank, CA

Lin Van
Age: 13
Pepecko, HI

Cool! The entire cast
of Fruits Basket is
here in your drawing! I
particularly like Yuki
on the top of Tohru's head!

Say hi to your sister
for me! Her name's Mui,
right? Did she help draw
this picture! If so, nice
work, girls!

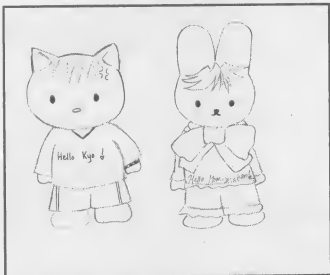


Amarie
Age 16
Matthews, NC



Awww, those kitty cats are
adorable, Amarie!

Linh Bui
Age 18
Edmonton, Canada

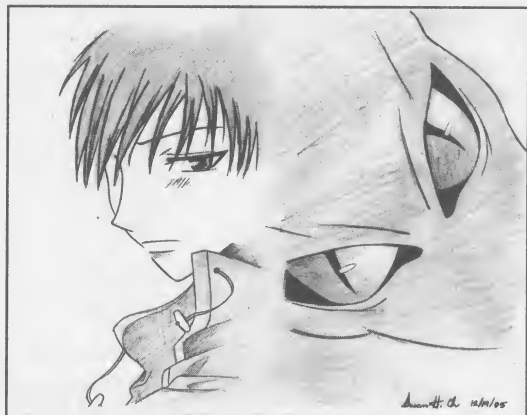


Here's another sketch that made
me laugh out loud. Very funny
picture, Linh. We should make
"Hello Kyo" plush toys, key
chains, stickers and backpacks!

Hillary Travis
Age 15
Powhatan, VA



Haha! This piece of art really
made me laugh! I guess Momiji
is a terrible singer. Is that
why they gave him a lollipop
"microphone"? Drawing a
Fruits Basket band was really
inspired, Hillary.



Susan H. Oh
Age 15
Montebello, CA

I found your art very haunting,
Susan. This is a great piece of art!



The scarf is my favorite
part of this sketch.
Clever way to depict
the zodiac animals,
Brittany!

Brittany Lewis
Age 13
San Antonio, TX

Do you want to share your love for *Fruits Basket* with fans around the world?

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How to submit:

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Suite 2000
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3) Anything you send will not be returned. If you want to keep your original, it's fine to send us a copy.

4) Please include your full name, age, city and state for us to print with your work. If you'd rather us use a pen name, please include that, too.

5) **IMPORTANT:** If you're under the age of 18, you must have your parent's permission in order for us to print your work. Any submissions without a signed note of parental consent cannot be used.

6) For full details, please check out our web-site: <http://www.tokyopop.com/aboutus/fanart.php>

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I recently found this sketch at the bottom of my fan mail pile. Poor Raye probably sent it in well over a year ago! It was worth the wait. Excellent drawing, Raye. You really capture the essence of *Fruits Basket*. I think this love triangle is what keeps everyone hooked.

Raye
Age 19
Roseville, CA